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Rees threatens to expose secret evidence

Labour push for inquiry on MI5 'plot'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

New controversy was injected into the Peter Wright affair last night by Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Labour Home Secretary, when he warned the Government that he intended to "get to the root" of allegations of an MI5 plot to destabilize the Harold Wilson Government.

He disclosed that, contrary to suggestions by ministers, the last Labour government did not investigate and dispose of claims of such a conspiracy.

His surprise intervention came in the Commons after Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, confirmed the Government's decision to appeal against the Australian court ruling that the memoirs of Mr Wright, the former MI5 officer, can be published and voiced his confidence that it had a "better than even chance of success."

Mr Rees demanded an inquiry into allegations of a plot by MI5 officers to destabilize the Wilson government which were contained in the Wright book but dealt with in secret in the Australian case at the British government's request.

The inquiry should also cover other allegations of an attempt to undermine the previous Heath Government because of its policy on Northern Ireland.

Outside the chamber Mr Rees threatened to expose the Wright evidence in the Commons unless the Government acceded to the inquiry, for which he offered to make available his own ministerial papers as Home Secretary.

When the repeated allegations of a plot against the Wilson government have been raised, ministers have regularly referred to a statement by Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour Prime Minister in August, 1977.

It will probably be two months before the MI5 book case reaches the New South Wales Appeal Court (Stephen Taylor writes from Sydney). The appeal procedure could take a year to exhaust if the British Government wishes to take that course.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Peter Wright, received the news of an appeal resignedly last night.

Mr Callaghan said in the statement that after a detailed inquiry he was satisfied that allegations about the security services did not constitute grounds for a lack of confidence in their competence or impartiality.

It was when Sir Michael twice referred to that statement yesterday that Mr Rees was stung angrily into action.

He told surprised MPs that the inquiry referred to in the statement did not cover the allegations made by Mr Wright in Australia.

It dealt only with the alleged use of electronic devices at 10 Downing Street, and it was only on that matter that Mr Callaghan made his statement.

He accepted that the present government would not have known that, and made clear that he was not accusing it of misleading the Commons, because in accordance with precedent the information would not have been passed on from the Labour government to the present government.

But ministers were wrong to say that Mr Callaghan had dealt with it. "He did not and neither did I. They are different allegations."

He went on to loud cheers from Labour MPs: "Unless an inquiry is set up — this is not national security, it is an exercise by dissident members of MI5 — I shall get at the root of it whatever happens. This government had better remember that."

Sir Michael immediately undertook to draw Mr Rees's remarks to the attention of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Mr Rees said later that there were new allegations of an attempt to "denigrate Ted Heath" because of the Conservative government's plans to abolish Stormont on top of the Wright allegations of an attempt to destablilize the Wilson government.

He had intervened because the Government was defending itself and saying there had been an inquiry, when it did not know what the inquiry was into.

Mr Rees said the inquiry must investigate whether there was a unit of dissidents in MI5 out of control which off their own bat were investigating members of the government at that time.

Mr Rees said the inquiry referred to in the Callaghan statement was conducted by the former Cabinet secretary Sir John (now Lord) Hunt and covered allegations that there was bugging of Downing Street and Harold Wilson's room in the Commons.

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Mr Rees leaving the Commons after threatening to "get to the root" of the MI5 affairs (Photograph: James Gray).

Retarded girl, 17, must be sterilized

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Court of Appeal yesterday ordered that a 17-year-old girl with a mental age of five should be sterilized to save her from pregnancy.

In a history-making ruling Lord Justice Dillon said the consequences of the girl, who will be 18 in May, becoming pregnant were "frightening".

Although sterilization involved taking "away a basic human right, the loss of that right would mean nothing to her", the judge said.

The girl from Newcastle, named only as Jeanette, "has no desire to reproduce," he added. She did not and never would be able to link sexual intercourse with the birth of babies and would be wholly unable to look after a baby or child if able to have one.

"She is as a small child herself mentally", he said. "Child bearing can provide nothing of benefit to her."

The case is the first of its kind to reach the Court of Appeal and is expected to prompt a number of similar applications for mentally-retarded young women to be sterilized.

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Lawyers said that there were already a number of similar cases in the pipeline awaiting the outcome of the Court of Appeal's ruling.

The hearing was brought by the Official Solicitor who stepped in as legal guardian for the girl, a ward of court, to obtain a definitive court ruling on what has been a "grey" area of the law.

There has been mounting concern over the problem as mentally retarded people have been given more freedom to circulate in the community.

MENCAP yesterday said it could not comment on the specific case. But it said that it "would not wish to think that the court's decision would be a charter for indiscriminate sterilization of women with a mental handicap."

It accepted however that in some cases, and taking into account all the circumstances, sterilization might be justified; and that in some cases it would not be possible to obtain "informed consent".

The ruling upholds an earlier decision of the High Court judge Mr Justice Bush in January to order the girl's sterilization after hearing an application by Sunderland Borough Council, backed by her mother.

Jeanette was a girl of a "very low degree of intelligence" and a "moderate degree" of mental handicap, Lord Justice Dillon said yesterday.

She could perform only simple domestic duties and had very limited communication powers, speaking sentences of just a word or two.

Her mother and social workers had seen that she was now "showing signs of sexual awareness and sexual drive", he said.

"The question at once arises of the risk of pregnancy."

Contraception had been considered but the Pill posed problems in that some types could react adversely to other medication she was taking; and the type that would be suitable could be unreliable as she might not take it regularly.

Lawson gains eve-of-Budget spending boost

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor received an eve-of-Budget boost yesterday, with the news that spending in the shops rose sharply last month.

There had been fears that retail sales were running out of steam after falls in December and January. But last month the volume of retail sales rose by 2.2 per cent.

In the money markets, interest rates eased again. Dealers believe that, barring disasters, a one-point cut in base rates is on the cards this week.

This would push base rates to 9.5 per cent and into single figures for the first time since 1984.

The pound held steady, with the prospect of big cuts in income tax failing to unsettle the markets. It gained half a cent to $1.5795 but slipped 1.5 pfennigs to DM2.90. The sterling index fell by 0.2 to 71.4.

The City is anticipating a Budget which combines big tax cuts with a show of financial prudence, as indicated by a cut in the borrowing target by £1 billion — possibly as much as £2 billion.

The consensus on cuts in the basic rate of income tax is that there will be a 2p in the pound reduction.

But many analysts believe that the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, with a possible £6 billion at his disposal, will be unable to resist the temptation of cutting the basic rate to 25p in the pound, a 4p cut from present levels.

Mr Lawson will emphasize that the economy is pursuing a broadly-based recovery, with exports now rising strongly to complement the strength of domestic demand.

He will stress also that a balance of payments crisis is not around the corner, as Labour politicians have suggested.

The Chancellor will underline also the long-term nature of some of his proposals, including the decision to go ahead with tax relief on profit-related pay and other elements in an "enterprise" package.

Some restructuring of certain taxes is expected, although the Budget is likely to be fairly straightforward in order to allow for the possibility of a truncated finance bill and an early general election.

One probable area for action is on mortgage interest relief. Where a raising of the limit from £30,000 to £35,000 may be combined with limiting the relief to the basic rate of income tax.

Excise duties, on alcohol, tobacco and petrol, are likely to rise by slightly less than required to match inflation. Cigarettes are expected to rise by 5-6p for a packet of 20 but duty rises on other products could be small. Indexation would require a 1p rise in the price of a pint of beer.

Consumer strength, page 21

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday hinted at an early election by saying that any time from June, which marked the beginning of her final 12 months in power, was "fair game" for going to the country. Meanwhile, with today's Budget widely expected to centre on big tax cuts, an opinion poll suggested that the public would prefer higher spending on state services Page 2

Tomorrow

Budget special



The Chancellor speaks: The Budget in depth — a special supplement detailing the Chancellor's plans and how they affect your standard of living

Boy, 8, is treated for rabies

A boy aged eight is in a Birmingham hospital with suspected rabies.

Indeppal Singh Hayre, from Handsworth, Birmingham, was bitten by a dog while on holiday in India about eight weeks ago. He was clinically diagnosed as having rabies when admitted to hospital on Sunday.

His family and about a dozen doctors and nurses who came into contact with him have been vaccinated against rabies. Health officials said there was little danger of the disease being spread.

Doctors said Indeppal was displaying classic symptoms of rabies, but the results of tests sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Colindale, North London, would not be be known until later this week.

Indeppal was admitted to the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, and then transferred to the intensive care unit at the East Birmingham Hospital which has facilities to deal with infectious diseases.

He is being fed intravenously and is under sedation. His condition was described as stable.

Dr Surinder Bakhshi, a Birmingham specialist in community medicine, said it was possible to treat rabies if there was an early diagnosis.

The last known case in Britain was that of a woman, aged 45, in Portsmouth last August. She had been bitten by a dog in Zambia and died of the disease. In the past 11 years there have been nine other cases, all of which proved fatal.

June start for coffee time ITV

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

The independent television stations intend to launch a limited schedule of morning programmes in late June to compete with the BBC's daytime service.

However, they will hold back a full schedule of programmes until after the August Bank holiday.

The new schedule, dubbed "coffee time", will begin as soon as school ends when ITV will drop its traditional schools broadcasts.

The schools broadcasts will resume after the August Bank holiday on Channel 4, opening up time on ITV for a year-round morning service.

The ITV schedule, which must be approved by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, is likely to mirror the one pioneered by the BBC.

It will include a game show, a soap opera, hourly ITN news bulletins and an interview programme.

The Independent Television Companies Association said: "We will not be putting our best foot forward until the autumn television season."

● The IBA yesterday increased by 20 per cent the annual subscription to be paid by the ITV companies for the operation of Channel 4 and its Welsh equivalent, S4C. The total to be paid by the companies will be £203.4 million, of which Channel 4 will receive £163.4 million and S4C will get £40 million.

The increased subscriptions reflect the overall increase in advertising sales.

Tories face attack on rising crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A foretaste of the law and order battle to be fought in the general election came yesterday over a further increase in official crime figures.

Recorded offences rose by 7 per cent last year in England and Wales while the clear-up rate fell by 5 per cent.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said: "Government policy on law and order has broken down."

Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP's home affairs spokeswoman, said: "The Government's claim to be the party of law and order has been shattered by the upsurge in crime and the fall in the clear-up rate."

But Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said that a Labour government's policies would increase crime, shackle the police and would mean the courts' discretion would be curbed.

"It is inconceivable that a Labour government would have arrested any of the increase," he said.

The Home Office statistics show that the clear-up rate, the number of offences cleared up in a year expressed as a percentage of offences recorded, was 31.6 per cent in 1986, compared with 35:4 per cent in 1985.

Recorded burglaries in 1986 were 7 per cent higher than in 1985, which more than offset a 3 per cent drop in the previous year. Sexual offences rose by 6 per cent.

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Iran joins Runcie in hostage pact

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The fate of three Iranians kidnapped in Lebanon five years ago has now become bound up with the search for Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's missing envoy, following an exchange of letters between the Archbishop and the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament.

Tehran radio yesterday quoted in Farsi the contents of a letter which it said had been sent by Dr Robert Runcie to Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in which the Archbishop offered to help find the three Iranians — kidnapped by Lebanese Christian Phalangist militiamen in the summer of 1982 — in return for the Iranian official's help in tracing Mr Waite.

A spokeswoman for Dr Runcie said in London yesterday that the Archbishop had offered to locate only one of the three Iranians, whom she named as Mate Vasellani. She quoted the Archbishop's letter, in part, as referring to the kidnap "by the Phalange militia" and telling Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani: "If you would like me to do so, I would be happy to use my contacts in the Christian community in Beirut to see if I can discover anything of his whereabouts."

However, the missing Iranians have long been a cause of deep concern to the authorities in Tehran since one of them was the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' commander in Syria. The second was Mr Hussein Musavi, the Iranian chargé d'affaires in Beirut, and the third a journalist working for the Iranian national news agency Irna.

The three were last seen when they were stopped at a Phalangist checkpoint at al-Berbara in early July 1982 while on their way from Tripoli to Beirut after travelling from Syria. Their Lebanese driver was later released.

In its own version of the Archbishop's letter Tehran radio quoted Dr Runcie as saying that Mr Waite was "independent" of the British Government or any political party and was a religious man with a profound respect for Islam and for Muslims.

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The reply of Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani was even warmer in tone and did appear to represent a genuine attempt by the Iranians to help trace Mr Waite. "I welcome your offer," the Speaker wrote, "and have asked officials and our friends in Lebanon and Syria to persist in searching for a clue . . ."

Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani originally offered to help find Mr Waite in reply to a reporter's question at a press conference in Tehran in January. At the time, he mentioned the three missing Iranians and complained bitterly that their fate had never attracted the interest of the West.

Soviet dam disaster kills 19

From a Correspondent
Moscow

Nineteen people were killed, six others critically injured and nine were missing after a dam burst in Tadzhikistan, Soviet Central Asia, Tass said yesterday.

Water "fell upon" the village of Sargozan, sweeping away 53 houses and two farms. Crops and livestock were destroyed, bridges and railway lines damaged. Communications with the stricken village were disrupted.

The agency said that there was a "critical situation" in the region as a result of torrential rains that lasted for several days.

The situation was "tense" in the nearby Kurgan Tyubinsky region too because of the heavy rains.

Yesterday's report, carried in the afternoon of the day the dam collapsed, underlines the continued willingness of the Soviet authorities to make public accidents and disasters.

This new-found openness contrasts sharply with reports on the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station, which were late and confusing.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister of Tadzhikistan, Mr Izatullo Khayeyev, went to the scene of the disaster where he was reported to be leading local officials in the organization of relief and rescue.

Tass said that tents, food and medicine were being rushed to the victims of the calamity and that ambulance aircraft were being used in the flooded area. Special teams of rescue workers were searching for survivors and the missing.

Sargozan is near the Nurek hydro-electric power station, in the Dangara district, one of the biggest such projects in the Soviet Union.

Ruskin inquiry after students' ban on lecturer

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Dr Albert Sloman, Vice-Chancellor of Essex University, is to lead an independent inquiry into academic freedom at Ruskin College, Oxford.

The announcement was made in the Commons yesterday by Mr George Walden, the minister responsible for higher education. It stems from a dispute between the college and Mr David Selbourne over an article he wrote in *The Times* last March in defiance of a trade union instruction.

Mr Selbourne, who was then a politics tutor at Ruskin, is suing the college for constructive dismissal. He claims the authorities failed to protect him when students, most of whom are committed trades unionists, boycotted his lectures. The college denies the claim.

The Government, which provides most of the college's funds, became concerned that Mr Selbourne's rights had been violated. The concern was heightened when the college endorsed a document on academic freedom prepared by its academic advisers.

In the Commons yesterday, Mr Walden said the document gave "insufficient basis for confidence" that the principle of academic freedom would in fact predominate over the college's other considerations.

He went on: "In particular, the suggestion in the paper that the feelings or convictions of some members of staff, or students, may in effect circumscribe the freedom of expression of other members of the staff is unacceptable."

Mr Walden said the Government did not wish to call into question the traditions of Ruskin, which has strong trade union links. But, he said, such traditions must be expressed within a clear framework of academic and intellectual freedom.

Dr Sloman, with Lord Chorley, a governor of the British Council, and Professor Peter Bromley, professor of law at Manchester University, will inquire into the state of academic freedom at Ruskin at present and make recommendations about how it should be secured for the future.

In the terms of the 1944 Education Act, the college will have to "afford all the facilities" the inspection requires.

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Dr Sloman: To head three-man inquiry team.

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£½m for girl

A girl aged 14, who was left with permanent disabilities when a hospital doctor sent her home without adequately treating a head injury eight years ago, was awarded £500,000 damages Page 3

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Cup draw

Tottenham, the FA Cup favourites, have been drawn against Watford in the semi-finals of the competition. The other tie is between Coventry and Leeds Page 40

Stearsby doubt

Stearsby is doubtful for Thursday's Cheltenham Gold Cup after a slight setback. The Festival starts today Page 40

Portfolio

● **The £8,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition — double the usual amount as there was no daily prize winner on Saturday — was shared by three readers. Details, page 3.**
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NEWS SUMMARY

Ford was told of Rover costs

The Department of Trade and Industry has confirmed that Austin Rover and Ford exchanged confidential commercial information on costs in February last year from which Austin Rover suffered a decline in market share.

But the department denied it had forced executives to comply.

In January *The Times* reported, "The department agreed to a Ford request to see the production and marketing costs for every Austin Rover model, from which the company learnt that the ex-factory cost of the rival Metro was £100 higher than the Ford Fiesta". At that time the Department of Industry had declined to comment on the controversial action of the then Secretary of State, Mr Leon Brittan.

In the BBC *Panorama* programme last night Ford repeated its denial that commercial details were exchanged. Mr Derek Barron, chairman of Ford of Britain, said: "The claim is quite unfair because it is quite untrue: the discussions were only extremely sketchy."

Kidnap warning

The planned abduction of three foster children was known to social services staff almost two weeks before the snatch happened, it was disclosed yesterday.

A police guard on the youngsters was to start yesterday, three days after they were taken by their father in Andover, Hampshire.

The family is believed to have fled the country. The Sanders children – Steven, aged 14, Sally, aged 13, and Sarah, aged 10, were taken into care after their sister was found hanged.

Violence campaign

Social workers yesterday stepped up their campaign for greater protection against attacks by clients.

A conference in Birmingham of the British Association of Social Workers said members were increasingly asking for technological aids, such as cordless telephones and personal alarms, because of their fear of assault.

The Association of Directors of Social Services is expected to issue guidelines in the next few weeks, advising social workers on protection.

Royal nanny dies

Miss Helen Lightbody, former nanny to the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne, died in a nursing home at Hawick, in the Scottish Borders, at the weekend aged 79.

Miss Lightbody ran the Buckingham Palace nursery for eight years until 1956. No reason was ever given for her decision to leave, but there was speculation that the Queen had disagreed with her about discipline.

Miss Lightbody began her career as nanny to the Princes William and Richard of Gloucester. She was given the nickname "No Nonsense" Lightbody when she went to Australia with them.

The Queen has sent a message of sympathy to her family.

Johnston declares



Mr Brian Johnston, the veteran presenter of Radio Four's *Down Your Way*, is to leave the programme in May after 15 years and 733 broadcasts.

Mr Johnston, aged 74, will complete his innings on May 24 with a broadcast from Lord's Cricket Ground. He said he decided to "declare at 733" because this was the number of programmes presented by his predecessor, Mr Franklin Engelmann.

The BBC said Mr Johnston will continue providing test match commentary on *Radio Three*.

Cashier hurt in raid

A male cashier was slightly injured by flying glass when a gunman fired a shotgun at a security screen during an attempted bank robbery in Kent yesterday.

Despite the blast, the cashier at the Lloyds bank branch in St John's Hill, Sevenoaks, ignored demands for cash and the raider fled empty-handed.

Thatcher hints at June election date

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

The Prime Minister yesterday hinted strongly that she may call a June general election and made clear she wanted to stay in power for the full term of the next Parliament.

She said any time from June, marking the beginning of the last 12 months of her five-year term, was "fair game" for going to the country.

Her remarks, apparently opening the door to a poll after June 9, the fourth anniversary of her 1983 victory, fed election fever at Westminster.

They suggested Mrs Margaret Thatcher is being swayed by the growing number of senior ministers and Tory backbenchers, backed by Mr Norman Tebbit, party chairman, who believe the Conservatives are being handed an opportunity not to be missed.

Her comments, in an interview with *The London Evening Standard*, contrasted with those a month ago, when she restricted herself to observing there would be an election "some time between now and June 1988".

She was dismissive of Labour's prospects, not believing it could recover lost ground in time for polling day. And she reiterated her ambition of staying in power long enough to ensure socialism was elbowed to the fringes of the British political scene.

The increasing Conservative lead in the opinion polls, now nine points according to the latest MORI survey, and Labour's renewed bout of factional infighting are the main factors behind pressure for an early election.

But today's Budget, in which Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor, is expected to knock 2p or 3p off the basic rate of income tax, raise thresholds and cut public borrowing by at least £1 billion, so paving the way to lower interest rates, is also being widely seen by Tory MPs as likely to strengthen their party's chances.

However, there is mounting evidence that the public is far from convinced about the merits of tax cuts. Yesterday, an opinion poll carried out for BBC Radio 4, suggested people preferred higher spending on public services.

According to the survey of 5,500 people aged over 16, conducted by the Broadcasting Research Department of the BBC, 60 per cent of taxpayers were willing to pay higher taxes if the money went on the health service and job creation.

Overall, however, it suggested the public was ambivalent about Mr Lawson's declared intentions.

Of those polled, 81 per cent said a section of the community deserved tax cuts, and of those 52 per cent thought they should go to low wage earners.

The BBC survey was broadly in line with a MORI poll in yesterday's *Times*

Pressure on Thatcher as the crime figures soar

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The Conservative Party is to face the general election with a rising tide of reported crime.

Figures from the Home Office yesterday showed that the number of crimes in England and Wales rose by 7 per cent last year, higher than the annual 6 per cent average between 1980 and 1985.

At the same time, the number of offences cleared up were about 5 per cent fewr than in the previous year.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said: "More crimes committed and fewer solved, that's Margaret Thatcher's criminal record."

He said that the Prime Minister had come to office on the promise of reducing crime, but since then it had risen by 50 per cent. Burglaries and criminal damage had increased at a greater rate, while the clear-up rate for all crimes had fallen.

"Government policy on law and order has broken down. What we need are positive policies for crime prevention, for proper victim support and compensation, and for freeing the police from bureaucracy so that they can get on with the job they are meant to do," Mr Kaufman said.

Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP home affairs spokeswoman, said: "The Government's claim to be the party of law and order has been shattered by the upsurge in crime and the fall in the clear-up rate."

She said: "Crime on the streets has its echo in high places in the frauds and insider dealing which is coming to light."

She called on the Government to show a willingness to tackle the causes of crime, including homelessness and long-term unemployment.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said: "It is inconceivable that a Labour government would have arrested any of the increase. Some of the things they are outlining would make things worse."

He said that the relationship between unemployment and crime was tenuous. If anything, the trends had been exacerbated by the appalling state of relations with the police in inner-city areas ruled by Labour.

Mr Mellor said that 15,000 extra police had been recruited since 1979, the biggest rise in memory.

In 1980, 10 per cent of those convicted of robbery received five years' imprisonment, whereas in 1985 the figure was 17 per cent. Between March and September last year, about 45 per cent of those found guilty of rape or attempted rape had an effective sentence of more than five years, compared with a proportion of about 20 per cent in the previous year.

Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said: "I need 3,800 extra men. The response to that has been to give us 1,200 at the rate of 300 a year over four years."

He said: "Confronted with increases in crime and with a high level of abstractions from ordinary duty for public order, particularly at Wapping, officers have worked harder than ever before.

The national crime figures showed an increase in all types of crime, except fraud and forgery (down 1 per cent) and "other offences" (down 3 per cent). The biggest single increases were in robbery (9 per cent) and burglary (7 per cent). Sexual offences rose 6 per cent, but that included a 24 per cent increase in rape.

Offences of violence against the person were up by 3 per cent, at 126,000, compared with 7 per cent in 1985. Recorded homicides, which fluctuate widely, rose to 662, compared with about 620 in the previous two years.

The increase in robbery was similar to the rise in the previous year, while the rise in burglaries more than offset a 3 per cent fall the previous year. Burglaries on dwellings rose by 10 per cent and other buildings by 4 per cent. Theft accounted for more than half of all reported offences.

The biggest increases were in recorded theftsfrom vehicles (up 21 per cent) and the theft or taking of motor vehicles (up 12 per cent). Thefts from the person were up 6 per cent. Among decreases were thefts from shops (down 9 per cent) and handling stolen goods (both down 9 per cent). There was a 9 per cent fall in the recorded number of drug trafficking offences, compared with a 22 per cent increase in the previous year.

Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police in England and Wales, 1986; Home Office Statistical Bulletin (Statistical Dept, HO, Lunar House, Croydon, Surrey, CRO 9YD).

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OFFENCES IN ENGLAND & WALES

Notifiable offences recorded by the police

Offence group	No of offences 1984	1985	1986	1985/86 change
Violence against people	114.2	121.7	125.5	+3
Sexual offences	20.2	21.5	22.7	+6
Robbery	24.9	27.5	30.0	+9
Burglary and going equipped	897.5	871.3	936.4	+7
Theft and handling stolen goods	1,808.0	1,884.1	2,003.9	+6
Fraud and forgery	126.1	134.8	133.4	-1
Criminal damage	497.8	539.0	583.6	+8
Other offences	10.4	12.2	11.9	-3
Total	3,499.1	3,611.9	3,847.4	+7

OFFENCES IN LONDON

Notifiable offences recorded by Metropolitan Police

Offence group	No of offences 1984	1985	1986	1985/86 change
Violence against people	19,000	20,242	20,308	0
Sexual offences	3,053	3,559	3,824	+7
Robbery	13,570	15,104	16,191	+7
Burglary and going equipped	168,900	155,228	157,996	+2
Theft/handling stolen goods	374,007	386,139	413,588	+7
Fraud and forgery	32,382	35,841	33,687	-6
Criminal damage	102,734	113,094	119,918	+6
Other	2,899	3,352	3,002	-10
Total	716,545	732,559	768,514	+5



Mr Christopher Chope, the minister responsible for the Government's Property Services Agency, yesterday scaled ladders and scaffolding encasing the 170-ft statue of Lord Nelson to inspect his department's £31,000 restoration of the Trafalgar Square landmark.

Disaster lawyers to meet

Solicitors representing victims of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster will hold their first joint meeting in London on Friday.

The meeting, in the Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, has been set up at the initiative of the Manchester and Sheffield law firm Pannone Napier.

The firm was on the steering committee of lawyers working for victims of the Manchester air disaster and is believed to be the only veteran of that legal battle involved in the ferry claims. It has several clients.

Mr Michael Napier said the firm had received more than 20 calls from solicitors representing victims after it put a notice in the *Law Society Gazette*, the profession's magazine, saying it would set up a meeting if other lawyers were interested.

Mr Napier said that the aim of the first meeting would be to set up a steering committee, which could keep other lawyers informed of the progress of claims.

Solicitors who have shown an interest so far have been instructed by relatives of the dead and injured victims, as well as those who lost possessions.

The Law Society has received about sixty requests for information from lawyers with a similar range of clients.

It has circulated a fact sheet including the names of all solicitors involved, and pointing to Pannone Napier's notice in the *Law Society Gazette*.

The Law Society estimates that the solicitors who have approached it so far represent about 120 people

The claims office set up in Dover by Townsend Thoresen has received about 200 claims so far, mainly from people who have lost possessions, according to its insurers.

● Salvage operations on the capsized ferry *Herald of Free Enterprise* were suspended for several hours yesterday when strong winds lashed the stricken ship. Worsening weather conditions are forecast for later this week.

The task of righting the ship, in which at least 78 bodies are believed to be trapped, is scheduled for the end of this month.

● Five more victims of the ferry disaster were identified at further inquests opened at Dover Town Hall yesterday. The inquests were provisionally adjourned to May 19.

Heads in call for new exam reform

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A radical plan to abolish examinations at 16 and completely overhaul the education and training of all young people between the ages of 14 and 18 was launched yesterday by the National Association of Head Teachers.

The association, which represents head teachers in about half of the state secondary schools in England and Wales, believes that the new 16-plus examination, the GCSE, which is to be taken for the first time next summer, is already out of date.

Instead, it believes that a four-year "personalized course" should be offered to every 14-year-old, who would not necessarily attend school.

The association says it wants to break down the barriers between school, further education and the workplace.

Each personalized course would consist of four elements: academic, practical, technical and vocational. The curriculum would be "flexible and relevant". Such a programme "does not lend itself to formal examining", the heads say, and A levels would play only a residual role.

The association believes that the present curriculum "over-emphasizes the purely academic approach".

● The Inner London Education Authority has reacted angrily to a report that the Prime Minister is considering ways of breaking it up.

Mrs Frances Morrell, the leader of the Labour-controlled authority, which runs more than 1,000 schools, said: "Mrs Thatcher always wants to abolish democratic institutions whenever the Conservatives lose elections to them".

Mrs Thatcher was reported to have said that the Government's plans for city technology colleges would allow at least three schools to opt out of Ilea control. But she wondered whether that was enough and doubted that handing schools over to left-wing boroughs such as Lambeth and Islington would be much of an improvement.

● The Chancellor was urged by the right-wing Monday Club yesterday to allow tax relief on all school fees.

The club says the present tax system discriminates against marriage in the treatment of school fees.

● Thousands of school children may leave school without taking exams this summer, because of new social security regulations which state that young people who leave school at Easter will no longer be entitled to supplementary benefit if they have entered for summer exams.

Youth organizations yesterday claimed the new rules would discourage children from staying at school.

Moderates reject coal offer

By Craig Seton

The moderate Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) has rejected the latest pay offer from British Coal.

The offer, which British Coal claimed could be worth up to £10 a week, was thrown out by 16,306 votes to 1,979 in a secret ballot and the executive of the union is now heading for its first pay battle with British Coal.

The UDM executive had recommended its membership to reject the offer, which it said represented only £3 a week on basic rates, worth 2 per cent.

Mr Roy Lynk, the national president, said that the remaining £7 a week was linked to attendance allowances and continuity bonuses, which would in effect be a no-strike agreement.

● The *UDM* yesterday asked the High Court in London to rule that British Coal must consult with the union's clerical and weekly paid supervisory staff on terms and conditions of employment.

The hearing, expected to last for three to four days, continues tomorrow.

● Northumberland County Council announced yesterday it is starting legal action to recover loans paid out to miners' families during the year-long pit strike

£500,000 appeal for city costs

By Peter Davenport

Liverpool's disqualified Labour councillors are to launch a public appeal to pay the £500,000 bill they face after losing their campaign against a surcharge.

The 47 former councillors face the huge costs after the House of Lords last week rejected their two-year legal case.

Many are out of work and claim they face bankruptcy and loss of homes and property if they are forced to pay. Church leaders in the city have said the penalties were "without parallel".

The bill includes a £106,000 surcharge following their delay in setting a rate in 1985 as part of their campaign against government financial policies.

They have until March 26 to pay. But legal officials in the city yesterday said they expected the district auditor to open negotiations on an agreement, similar to that in Lambeth, which would allow the ex-councillors to make collective monthly payments to clear the debt.

That will still leave legal fees and court costs of around £400,000. An earlier appeal by the councillors raised £200,000.

Last night the councillors were to meet their legal advisers.

Feuding goes on after murders

By Richard Ford

The murderous feud within the Irish National Liberation Army is set to continue after the death of a leading terrorist only minutes after an apparent ceasefire came into effect.

The shooting of Gerard Steenson, known as "Dr Death", and Anthony McCarthy two days ago shattered hopes of peace between battling factions within the disintegrating terrorist organization.

Negotiations to arrange a truce were advanced when the two men were ambushed in West Belfast by former comrades they believed no longer had the fire power to oppose efforts to disband the outlawed republican paramilitary group.

Some believed a ceasefire had begun at midnight on Saturday but within 10 minutes the men were attacked and their car riddled with bullets as they drove through a hard-line republican area after a night drinking.

The General Headquarters faction of INLA, which shot the men, jubilantly proclaimed that this "answers any doubts" about their military capabilities. They were clearly delighted to have murdered Mr Steenson, aged 29, who they regarded as being intent on building a personal power base in West Belfast.

Mr Steenson had an awesome reputation as one of the most ruthless terrorists spawned during the present troubles.

His baby face belied a deadly reputation as a "classy gunman" who was always "off side" quickly if trouble erupted.

He was convicted of six murders and 61 other offences on the word of a supergrass but released on December 23 after the Court of Appeal questioned the evidence of the key prosecution witness.

His death is certain to be avenged by the Army Council faction which is intent on forcing the disbandment of INLA which it says has become little more than an organization involved in criminal activities rather than true republicanism.

Last night a large army and police presence surrounded the dead man's family home in the Clonard area of the Lower Falls in preparation for his funeral this morning.

Jobs 'gulf' remains in Ulster

By a Staff Reporter

The minority Catholic community in Northern Ireland still experiences higher rates of unemployment and has failed to break through in significant numbers into senior managerial jobs, according to a survey published yesterday.

A big rise in unemployment between 1971 and 1981 has not evened out the Protestant-Roman Catholic differential, with the minority community experiencing unemployment rates twice as high as "loyalists". The difference is even higher for males.

A study conducted for the Fair Employment Agency by Queens University, Belfast, and Ulster University, puts part of the blame on the traditional dependence of Catholic men on work in the construction industry, which has been in rapid decline, and on the dramatic growth in the security industry because of the troubles, which has provided employment to Protestants, compensating for the collapse of traditional manufacturing.

The report finds in the younger age group, that Catholics are making significant progress in professions such as education, health and law, however, although they are likely to be working in lower-paid areas, such as nurses and teachers, rather than as doctors

Some change has occurred through an increase in Catholics working in "managerial" and "supervisory" occupations.

In the Northern Ireland Civil Service, the province's largest single employer, Catholics' representation has improved in all grades, although only marginally at the most senior levels.

The study concludes "that a substantial task remains to secure full equality of opportunity".

Two teenagers are remanded

A girl aged 16 and a boy aged 15 appeared in Chelsea Juvenile Court, south-west London, yesterday accused of the murder of Jacqueline Gordon, aged 13, of Wincrofts Drive, Eltham, who was found strangled on Friday.

They were remanded to appear at Greenwich Juvenile Court on Friday, the boy in custody, the girl into the care of the local social services

Maxwell apology to Standard

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, yesterday apologized publicly for claiming that *The London Evening Standard* had lied about its circulation.

The apology and retraction were published in his *London Daily News* as evidence mounted that his paper is facing serious problems and running up huge losses.

"We do not believe in fighting a battle unfairly or dishonestly; and we accordingly unreservedly withdraw any suggestion that the circulation figures of the *Evening Standard* had been inaccurately given and apologize for having made it", Mr Maxwell wrote.

His apology was received coldly at *The Standard*, which last week won an injunction prohibiting Mr Maxwell from repeating his claim that *The Standard* had lied.

Mr Bert Hardy, *Standard* chief executive, said the paper's libel action against Mr Maxwell continues.

According to Fleet Street circulation managers yesterday, Mr Robert Maxwell's *London Daily News* is trailing its rival by at least 250,000 copies a day, has cut its print order in half, and may be forced into a relaunch in days if matters do not improve.

Their conclusion is expected to be supported later this week by a telephone survey conducted by the JICNAR research organization.

The results of the survey are expected to show circulation of the *London Daily News* at about 300,000, compared with audited sales figures of more than 550,000 for *The Standard*.

Mr Maxwell cut the price of his paper to 10p, against *The Standard's* 20p, but it appears to have made no difference to sales

Left-wing censors accused

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Left-wing councils which stock children's libraries with homosexual books, and ban old favourites on the ground of "racism", were condemned yesterday by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts.

He also deplored the recent ban by nearly a quarter of local authorities on News International newspapers, including *The Times*, during the Wapping dispute.

In his annual report on the public library service, he said: "Sadly, the banning of newspapers was not the only example during the year of ideological interference in the selection of library material".

Haringey council, in north London, had stocked a book in its children's libraries "which seemed positively to advocate homosexuality", while other authorities "were reportedly discouraging books which had given generations of children great pleasure because they were allegedly "racist" or "sexist" he said.

Mr Luce was supported in the same report by the Library and Information Services Council which said it was "saddened" by the News International ban.

Southern engineers crossing the great divide

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

An engineering company in the South-east with jobs to offer and a shortage of workers has solved its problems by opening a factory in Dumbarton in Scotland where there are skilled workers and no jobs.

The company, Dzus Fasteners, with its European headquarters at Farnham in Surrey, has for years been attempting to persuade skilled unemployed workers in the North to move to Farnham, but none of them could afford to buy a home in the South.

Mr Michael Knight, managing director, decided to reverse the trend and take the work to the workers. He put the company works manager, who wanted to move back to his native Scotland, in charge of the small tool-making factory in Dumbarton which will work exclusively for the Farnham business.

"It seemed the logical solution", Mr Knight said. The company had been frustrated by having to wait months for expensive tools to be made by sub-contractors while its own tool makers spent their time repairing machinery, but the Dumbarton factory now employs six men and there are plans to expand. "In the long run it will be cheaper for us"

The company has also found an intriguing facet of the North-South divide apart from the cost of property.

School leavers in the South-east were difficult to recruit into industry because they did not believe that industry had an attractive image. Mr Knight said: "They do not seem to appreciate that a skilled job in industry can be very fulfilling. In the North the attitude is very different and I suppose we are taking advantage of that. "

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Judge sees film of Miss Courage and agrees £½m award

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A teenager left with "tragic and devastating" injuries after a hospital blunder was awarded £500,000 damages in the High Court yesterday after the judge watched a videotape of how she courageously struggled with her disabilities.

Mr Justice Boreham approved the agreed award after watching a 14-minute videotape of Olivia Graham, now a "charming and cheerful" girl aged 14.

She was left with permanent disabilities from a fall when aged six after a hospital doctor sent her home without adequately treating a head injury.

Mr George Carman, QC, appearing for her, said her loss was of the most "tragic and devastating kind".

She walks with a limp which limits her capacity to move about and her right arm, although functionally useless, "shoots up frequently to the Statue of Liberty position".

If she had been treated immediately, he said, she would have recovered from the head injury. "She was a gifted and talented child for whom everything in life was set fair."

The damages and costs are to be paid by the casualty officer, Dr Charles Watt-Smyrke, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, and the Berkshire Area Health Authority, which admitted liability.

Olivia fell on her head while playing in the grounds of Eton College, where her father was senior housemaster. Her mother, Penelope, took her to a doctor who referred them to Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, Berkshire, where she was examined by the casualty officer but sent home.

Olivia's condition deteriorated and an emergency operation was carried out to remove a huge blood clot pressing on her brain.

But, Mr Carman said, sadly it was too late and she was left with "formidable and permanent disabilities".

Mr Carman added that had he been obliged to fight the case at a full court hearing he would have asked for some £750,000 to cover the cost of care for the rest of her life.

But the defendants paid £500,000 into court in offer of settlement.

After the hearing yesterday her mother said: "We are happy that the legal part of the ordeal is over. She is a fantastic character and a super person."

£350,000 for brain damage

A brain-damaged boy aged three was awarded £350,000 at the High Court in Exeter after a hospital admitted a blunder during his delivery.

Nicholas Wood was left permanently crippled and incapable of looking after himself when he was deprived of oxygen during childbirth at Torbay Hospital in South Devon.

The boy himself won all but £5,000 of the award, the remainder going to his mother Julie.

Mr Simon Tuckey, for the parents, said Nicholas should have been delivered by Caesarean section, but in the 90 minutes before his actual birth he suffered severe brain damage because of lack of oxygen.

Mr Tuckey said Mrs Wood, aged 33, had been forced to give up hope of returning to her job in public relations, and her husband Christopher, aged 38, had given up time from his central heating business to help to look after Nicholas.

Despite the error Mrs Wood had returned to Torbay Hospital for the successful birth of her second son James, Mr Tuckey said.

After the case Mrs Wood said: "We are very pleased this is all over after three and a half years. We are very satisfied with the outcome."

● Darren Williams, now aged 17, of Grove Green Road, Leytonstone, east London, who must live life in a crash helmet after head injuries suffered in a road accident in 1980, won £50,000 damages in the High Court in London.

Mr Keith Mitchell, the car driver, of Woodford Green, Essex, denied negligence.



Michael Peach (left), consultant architect, and Jeff West, of English Heritage, inside the cruck barn at Leigh with, in the background, Mr Duncan Stewart, who farms the land, and his parents who own the barn (Photograph: Graham Wood).

£500,000 to restore rare barn

By Alan Hamilton

A luxurious carpet of sheep droppings showed that Duncan Stewart's 150 breeding ewes appreciate the vast empty barn on his farm at Leigh, near Worcester.

But this mere shelter for sheep is the largest timber cruck barn, and one of the oldest surviving, in the world. Next week, English Heritage, begins a £500,000 two-year project to rescue and restore the unique 700 year old structure.

Outwardly, the barn, half hidden in farmyard clutter, is dilapidated and down-at-heel.

Inside, however, the soaring cathedral of thirteenth century oak timbers, big enough to exercise a horse, is virtually intact.

The barn, which was built to store produce from the rich farmlands of Pershore Abbey near by, is an engineering wonder enclosing a space 141 ft x 35 ft and uninterrupted by any internal support.

Leigh Court Barn was built about 1300. Cruck building on such a scale was rare, because of the difficulty of finding oak trees of suitable size and shape to form the huge crucks, each nearly 60 ft long, which arch in pairs from a low retaining wall to the roof ridge.

Over several centuries the barn has gradually been pushing itself outwards, and rescue work will involve jacking up each cruck one at a time to insert hidden concrete foundations.

The barn is now a Grade One listed building.

Mr Stewart, aged 29, who now farms Leigh Court and whose remote ancestors owned the barn at the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries, held his wedding reception inside it.

Now he is negotiating with English Heritage historians whether to let sheep return to re-carpet the floor of ancient flagstones.

Aids alert

Young carriers 'locked up'

Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Young people with the Aids virus are being locked up in local authority secure units to prevent them from transmitting the disease, Labour's spokesman on social services claimed yesterday.

Mr Michael Meacher said that disturbed and difficult adolescents were being detained longer than necessary because they had the Aids virus and to prevent the risk of them spreading the disease through revenge sex.

"There are about 350 secure unit places in 44 community homes where a number of young people with the Aids virus are being detained in order to take them out of sexual circulation", Mr Meacher, said at the House of Commons launch of of a document calling for a national Aids strategy.

He said that the powers to detain children were being abused, because the secure units had never been set up for that purpose.

Mr Meacher has tabled two parliamentary questions calling for an explanation. He said: "I have asked the Government for information on how many children are being held in secure units on the grounds that they have the Aids virus and under what authority they are being held".

He said that his information came from a reliable private source but he was unsure how many children were being held. "Policy in this area has not been made explicit. For how long are they to be detained for these reasons when adults are not?"

The Department of Health and Social Security said last night that they had no knowledge of any children being detained because they had the Aids virus.A spokesman said:"No child may be held in secure accommodation unless the strict criteria laid down under the 1980 Child Care Act are met. These do not contain any reference to sexual activity."

Under present legislation local authorities can apply for a care order to place adolescents in the secure units if they have evidence that the children are a danger to themselves or others, through violent or abusive behaviour. The Home Office can also refer young offenders or persistent absconders to secure units.

Spread of virus is blamed on whites

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An epidemic of Aids among white males working in central Africa is growing and spreading the disease throughout the world, according to French researchers.

Public health education programmes are urgently needed to limit sexual contacts with people at risk and to promote the use of condoms, the doctors report in *The Lancet*.

A study involving French technicians, soldiers and engineers who developed Aids showed that they probably caught the infection from prostitutes or other women while based in Africa.

The 14 men studied then went on to have sexual relations in at least seven other countries. Almost all have since died of the disease.

None of the men was a haemophiliac, an intravenous drug-abuser or had received a blood transfusion. Only one was homosexual.

● The number of people in Britain seeking an Aids test has doubled, to about 10,000 a month, but those found positive remain constant at about 180 a month, the Government's Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre said yesterday.

Portfolio Gold

Gem of an idea by the winner

Three readers receive £2,666 each as their share of today's Portfolio Gold dividend. They split £8,000 since there was no winner of Saturday's dividend of £4,000.

Mr John Reynard, aged 65, from Parbold, Lancashire, retires this year as the Head Master of Pike's Lane Junior School. He plans to spend his prize-money on a ruby wedding present for his wife. He has been a reader of *The Times* for two years.

Mrs Grazyna Jasica, aged 35, a housewife of Romford, Essex, plans to spend her money on a new kitchen. She has been a reader of *The Times* for four years.

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Mr Reynard: retirement and a wedding anniversary.

Wapping case

Jonnathon Feldman, aged 26, an electrician, of Bonnington Square, Vauxhall, south London, was bound over in the sum of £50 for 12 months by Thames magistrates yesterday after he had denied using threatening behaviour outside News International at Wapping on January 24. No evidence was offered.

Tory named

The Conservative Party vice-chairman, Miss Emma Nicholson, was named in the petition when Mrs Janice Caine, the wife of Mr Michael Caine, chairman of publishers Booker McConnell, was granted a decree nisi in the London Divorce Court yesterday.

Footballer 'punched party man'

Maurice Johnston, the Celtic and Scotland player, punched a hairdresser in the eye after being asked to leave a party he gatecrashed, Glasgow Sheriff Court was told yesterday.

He also swore and threatened to kill the hairdresser, Scott Leslie, aged 19, it was said.

Mr Johnston, aged 23, of Burntbroom Gardens, Mount Vernon, Glasgow, and George Lynch, aged 27, of Wallacewell Road, Balornock, Glasgow, deny assaulting Mr Leslie at the Mardi Gras discotheque in Dunlop Street, Glasgow, on November 27.

Mr Johnston's Celtic teammate, striker Alan McInally, told the court he saw Mr Leslie lash out at Mr Johnston.

Mr Leslie said he went to a private birthday party at the club. At the request of one of the people throwing the party, he approached the two uninvited guests and asked them to leave.

He said Mr Lynch butted him in the mouth. Several people got between them and Mr Johnston then looked over, saying: "I am going to kill you".

Mr McInally, whose nickname, the court was told, is Rambo, said he and Mr Johnston were to have smashed a charity collection bottle in a Glasgow public house.

But a crowd had gathered outside and they decided not to try to get in. Instead they went to the Mardi Gras and were shown upstairs by the manager.

Mr McInally said Mr Johnston told him he was followed downstairs by Mr Leslie who had "gone for him and he punched him".

The case continues today.

Blakelock jury 'to forget revulsion'

The jury in the PC Blakelock murder trial was instructed by the judge yesterday not to allow its verdicts to be swayed by revulsion over the killing.

Mr Justice Hodgson said as he began his summing up on the 37th day of the trial at the Central Criminal Court: "You must approach the onerous task placed upon you coolly and dispassionately.

"The fate of these defendants is in your hands and you will not allow your decisions, I know, to be swayed by emotion or by the revulsion everyone who has anything to do with the conduct of this case feels and has expressed at the crime committed."

The jury is expected to go out tomorrow to consider verdicts against three men accused of murdering PC Keith Blakelock, aged 40, who was hacked to death by a mob during rioting on Broadwater Farm Estate, Tottenham, in October 1985.

Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, of Martlesham, Broadwater Farm Estate, Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Partridge Way, Wood Green, and Mark Braithwaite, aged 19, unemployed, of Canonbury Villas, Islington, all north London, have denied murder, riotous assembly and affray.

A 15-year-old youth has denied riotous assembly and affray.

The judge said he would be directing the jury to acquit Mr Raghip of making or assisting in making petrol bombs.

He said the jury had heard "for days on end" evidence about how the Broadwater Farm disorder started, developed, and the part played by police. He said: "All these matters are peripheral to the matters which are your main concern".

He said that around 10 pm on October 6, 1985, after three hours of "some of the worst civil disorder ever witnessed in this country", PC Blakelock was brutally murdered by about 30 people.

"If not one of those murderers is brought to book for that terrible crime it will be a great injustice", he said.

"But I know you will agree it would a far greater injustice if somebody not implicated was wrongly found guilty."

The judge told jurors to put out of their minds reports relating to the trial he said had appeared over the weekend.

The case continues today.

● The Broadwater Farm Defence Committee plans to picket the Central Criminal Court today to highlight the cases of more than 30 people who are still awaiting trail over the disturbances on the estate.

Research and development

Long-term strategy urged

By Michael McCarthy

Research and Development funding in one high-tech area of British industry — information technology — is now rising rapidly, according to a report to be published later this week.

But a third of the private spending is accounted for by foreign, mainly American, companies operating in Britain, the report claims; and it says that British companies' spending could be much better directed, particularly by marketing considerations.

The report, *Research and Development within Information Technology in Britain*, has been produced by Comtec Information, a London consultancy, which surveyed more than 50 companies representing about 80 per cent of the UK computer and advanced communications industry.

It goes some way to countering the picture painted in recent weeks of British industry's generally falling R and D levels.

Spending on civil information technology R and D, public and private, was £1.45 billion last year, the report says, up 50 per cent from 1983 and 15 per cent from 1985. The rising trend will continue this year with an estimated total of £1.57bn for 1987.

The author of the report, Mr Andrew Gritten, said yesterday: "In the information technology sector, at least, companies are thinking about R and D much more than they used to, and increasing their spend."

But the report reveals that of the £1,230 million spent by private industry in 1986, £410,000 million was accounted for by the R and D budgets of foreign, mainly North American, companies operating in Britain.

"This is not such a good sign for British companies, although it is good for the country as a whole", Mr Gritten said.

In his report he says that British information technology firms should allow marketing considerations to direct their spending more. "American companies spend money on R and D as part of a long-term, global strategy", he said.

"Some British companies do not even have a long-term strategy at all, so how can they expect investors to take a long-term view of them ?"

Report on Research and Development within Information Technology in Britain (Comtech Information, 9, Cavendish Square, London W1. £350).

'Human frontier' research plan

Two leading British scientists said yesterday they foresaw "substantial benefits" to Britain if the country took part in "The Human Frontier", a Japanese-sponsored international research programme, expected to be unveiled in June.

Sir Walter Bodmer, Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and Professor Thomas Blundell, from Birkbeck College, London, have been to Tokyo to discuss the possible scientific content of the programme, but say they are not optimistic about official British funding for the project.

Woman got heroin for Boy George

A woman was put on probation for two years yesterday after admitting two charges of supplying heroin to Boy George.

Anna Katrina Tinmaung, aged 28, an unemployed musician, of Alwyne Road, Islington, north London, acted as a go-between for the singer and his supplier Stephen Lubin.

She pleaded guilty at the start of the trial of Lubin and Diane Feiner, who were convicted at Knightsbridge Crown Court nine days ago, and was held in custody until yesterday. She also admitted possession of cannabis.

The court was told that Tinmaung bought £100 of heroin which she delivered to Boy George, and on July 6 last year bought more of the drug at his request.

Monopoly complaint over Telecom

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

Subscribers whose equipment is not supplied by British Telecom still face delays in obtaining connections to the telephone network, according to a survey published yesterday by the Office of Communications.

Suppliers and dealers complained of difficulties in obtaining monopoly services when the system was not purchased from British Telecom; for instance users had significantly greater difficulty in getting pre-connection inspections completed.

The survey, of suppliers, dealers and users, concluded that progress had been made in ensuring competition in supplying equipment but that "careful scrutiny" must continue. However, more than half the suppliers, and almost a third of the dealers, felt Telecom tactics were fair.

When users were asked how competitive they thought the market was, a quarter said there was no competition and that Telecom had a monopoly, or dominated the market, and a further 9 per cent said they looked only at Telecom when purchasing apparatus.

According to the report, there was some suggestion of unreasonably low pricing by Telecom in the competitive larger PABX market, and that it sometimes discounted its prices to uneconomic levels.

BBC in tune with Channel 4

The BBC is going to link up with commercial broadcasting for the first time on Easter Sunday, for a simultaneous radio and television broadcast of Harrison Birtwistle's opera *Yan Tan Tethera*.

The stereo transmission on BBC Radio 3 is part of a series of four programmes about the British composer on Channel 4 television.

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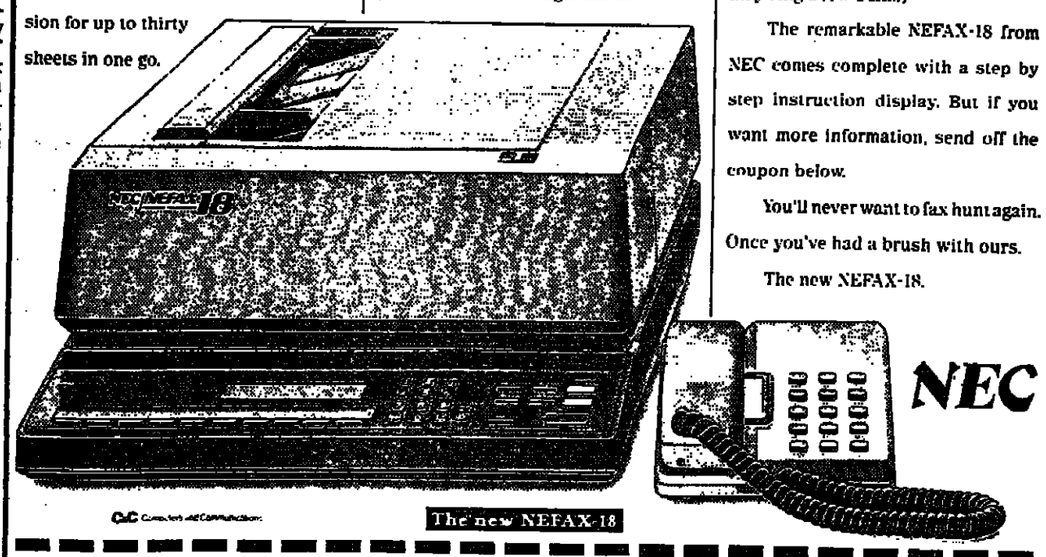
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PARLIAMENT

Government to appeal in Wright case, says Havers

The Government had decided to appeal against the decision in the Australian courts in the Peter Wright secrets case, Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, confirmed during Commons question time.

He dismissed as nonsense an allegation that this was a tactic designed to prevent any further discussion of the case until after a general election and said he was confident that the appeal had a better-than-even chance of success.

During exchanges on the Wright case, Mr Merlyn Rees, former Labour Home Secretary, said that Wright's allegations of attempts by the security services to destabilize the Labour Government should now be investigated because an earlier investigation, in which he was involved, had only covered completely different allegations.

Sir Michael Havers said that in the Wright case the Government was seeking to uphold the principle that present and former members of the security service owed a comprehensive duty of confidence to the Crown.

Having considered Mr Justice Powell's judgement and the advice of the Australian counsel, the Government had decided to appeal against it and a notice of appeal would be lodged as soon as practicable.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that many people would see the Government's decision to appeal as a further waste of taxpayers' money. It was not the tittle-tattle of the Wright memoirs which concerned Labour MPs, as everyone knew that Mr Wright was a very embittered individual. They were concerned about the need to ensure that there was adequate parliamentary scrutiny of the security services.

In view of the allegations that a Labour government was destabilized, at least at certain stages, by the security services, there sould be a full judicial inquiry into those allegations.

Sir Michael Havers said the question of an inquiry was not a matter for him. But he wanted to remind the House that the Prime Minister of the day (Mr James Callaghan) had said that after detailed inquiries he was satisfied that the allegation about the security service did not constitute grounds for a lack of confidence in its competence and impartiality or for instituting a special inquiry.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said that if the Government had done nothing to try to stop those entrusted with the nation's secrets from disclosing those secrets for money it would be subject to the accusation of the grossest irresponsibility. The principle of confidentiality should be upheld.

Sir Michael Havers said that these were matters which ministers took very much into consideration when reaching their decision to start the proceedings in Australia.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Morley, Lab), who was Home Secretary in a Labour Government between 1976 and 1979, said that he had played a part in the inquiry which took place in the summer of 1977, to which the Attorney General had referred.

"It should be made clear that they had not been inquiring into the allegations now made by Mr Wright and others, but into allegations of electronic devices in Number 10 and only that. Mr Callaghan's statement, which the Attorney General had quoted, also referred only to that aspect.

"None of that information would be provided to the Attorney General, nor to the Home Secretary of the day, nor to the Prime Minister because it was a convention that such information was not provided to a later government."

He was therefore dissatisfied with the information about the Wright allegations. The Attorney General had said that the Prime Minister of the day had dealt with it, but he had not dealt with it and neither had he (Mr Rees).

These were different allegations and an inquiry should be set up because this was not a matter of national security but of an exercise by dissident members of MI5.

"I shall get at the root of it whatever happens and this Government had better remember that."

(Labour cheers and cries of: "Misleading the House")

Sir Michael Havers said that he was sure that Mr Rees would not for a moment suggest that the Government was in any way seeking to mislead, and he was grateful for his acknowledgement of that. Ministers in the present Government did not have access to any of the papers which were considered by Mr Rees and the then Prime Minister.

He would make sure that what Mr Rees had said was drawn to the attention of the Home Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd).

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) warmly welcomed the announcement of the Government's intention to appeal in the Wright case. Many MPs believed the Government was absolutely right to do so and had no alternative.

If the operations of the secret service were to remain secret, the means by which it was controlled must remain the responsibility of the Government of the day and could not be delegated to any other body.

Sir Michael Havers said that had been the convention for a very long time and that was why questions about security were not allowed on the order paper. He agreed with everything that Mr Rippon had said.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, said he was sure that all sides would agree with the principle that nobody working for MI5 or retired from working for MI5 should be free to publish what they wished. The question at issue concerned the accountability of MI5. What appeared to be the widespread use of illegal practices was causing great concern.

Would the Attorney General explain why he was not involved in the decision not to prosecute Mr Chapman Pincher six weeks before his book was published? Did it relate to the fact that the book had been stolen? Why was no action taken against Mr Wright when he appeared on television?

Both cases ocurred in this country so rather than the Government going on digging itself into what was already a deep hole in Australia, surely it would be better to deal with the issues for which the Attorney General was responsible which preceeded what happened in Australia by a couple of years.

Sir Michael Havers said that he well understood the anxieties expressed by Dr Owen, but he had not been consulted and he was therefore unable to comment.

He had this morning consulted counsel in Australia and he had been told he could not make any fuller, more detailed statement until the appeal was over.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said that as the confusion over the Wright case seemed to be deepening, the Attorney General might be pursuing a good principle by the wrong methods.

Instead of spending £1 million of taxpayers' money on what he feared would be a vain attempt to persuade the Australian courts to uphold Britain's narrow view of the Official Secrets Act, the Government should concentrate on the higher priority of ensuring that all present and future members of the security service were given binding and enforceable contracts of employment, the breach of which should make them liable to damages and loss of pension rights.

Sir Michael Havers said that the judge's decision on whether there was an encorceable contract of employment was almost certainly going to be one of the grounds of the appeal.

He did not accept that this was a vain attempt. He would not agree to any appeal unless he felt there was a proper chance of success.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) asked why the Attorney General had not taken up the offer made by Mr Malcolm Turnbull, Mr Wright's lawyer, last week. He was willing to do a deal on the contents of the book, by which any material the Attorney General thought really did breach national security could be excluded from the book.

The proviso was that material relating to Wright's allegations of attempts to destabilize the Labour Government should be published. Surely that was in the national interest.

Why had the Attorney General made his agent go on bended knee to the Australian judge, insisting that the affidavit of Mr Wright dealing with the allegations of destabilization was taken in camera, behind closed doors?

Sir Michael Havers said that a great deal of the book promised, in the Government's view, to be a matter of confidence. There had been no question of going on bended knee to the judge.

Mr Campbell-Savours failed to understand the principle that there was a need to uphold the promise made by those employed in the intelligence services that they would not at any time disclose anything they had learnt during the course of their employment in breach of confidentiality.

Mr David Ashby (North West Leicestershire, C) said the reason why the Australian court had taken a different view of section 2 of the Official Secrets Act was because Australia had a Freedom of Information Act. That was the sort of direction in which Britain should also be going.

Sir Michael Havers said that section 2 of the Official Secrets Act had played no part in the conduct of the Australian case.

Mr William Hamilton (Fife Central, Lab) said many people inside and outside the House would regard the Government's decision to appeal as little more than a delaying mechanism.

What was the estimated cost of this farce to the taxpayer? In the light of what had happened to councillors in Liverpool, the Attorney General and the Prime Minister should be surcharged in the event of the appeal failing.

Sir Michael Havers said that Mr Hamilton would have a much stronger case if the Liverpool councillors had been acting on legal advice instead of against it.



The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, with President Moi of Kenya in London yesterday. They exchanged documents on a £50million aid agreement involving development projects in Kenya. Report, page 6.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

There is no such thing as an insignificant success for a third party in British politics. The two main parties spend most of their time trying to persuade the electorate that they are wise, efficient and caring. A third party has first to convince the voters that it matters at all.

So the Alliance's improbable hat-trick of Oxford, Truro and Greenwich is of national importance, whatever the causes.

The choice of Mr Roy Jenkins as Oxford's Chancellor was essentially symbolic, in a contest that was only partly political, by an electorate that was hardly representative.

The Liberal triumph at Truro can be attributed mostly, perhaps entirely, to shock and sympathy at David Penhaligon's death. The SDP benefited at Greenwich from tactical voting and a hard left Labour candidate.

Aura of a party on the move

But all three results captured the headlines and associated the Alliance with success. No matter what the detailed explanations might be in each case, the accumulated effect was to create the aura of a party on the move.

That impression has been reinforced by the opinion polls. The latest ones put the Alliance back where it was before the defence shambles last September. In a critical sease it is even better placed now than it was then.

The defence split has been repaired only on the surface. The divisions in this field between those of Dr Owen's views and the Liberal "dovish" tendency remain deep. But public attention has been directed elsewhere; and Labour is now slipping badly, whereas before the party conferences it was still in first place.

It is this combination of an Alliance revival and Labour decline that is potentially significant. The less chance there appears to be of a Labour government the more likely is the Alliance to do well in the election.

Its prospects in the critical seats will depend a good deal upon attracting dissident Conservatives, who could easily be frightened back into the Tory camp by the fear of putting Mr Kinnock into Downing Street. The more remote that possibility seems the more readily will this important section of the electorate move over to the Alliance.

There is also now for the first time for some while a prospect of the ideal result for the Alliance. This is usually regarded as a hung Parliament. But that is not what I have in mind.

A hung Parliament would focus attention on the Alliance more than any other outcome. There is a certain glamour in holding the balance of power. But the reality might be rather disappointing.

The other parties might not be so eager to do a deal as the Alliance now claims. So it might end up as a supplicant when it expected to be wooed.

If others were ready to negotiate, the Alliance might then find itself pulled in different directions. Liberals and Social Democrats might not agree on which party would be the better partner or on what terms would be acceptable.

Even if the Alliance did go into coalition, it might not emerge all that much stronger. It would benefit from the prestige of holding office. But it could be swallowed up by its larger partner or find the arrangement broken just when it suited the other party.

Serving interests of the Alliance

The long-term interests of the Alliance would be best served by an increase in the number of its seats, another Conservative overall majority and no advance by Labour. Such a result would pose less threat to Alliance cohesion and encourage a belief that Labour could never defeat the Conservatives on its own.

That would strengthen the chances either of a further realignment on the left in the next Parliament, or of a steady but less dramatic drift from Labour.

That would be more likely to happen if the Alliance could win more votes than Labour. That may still seem an ambitious objective. But it would be more of a breakthrough for the Alliance than anything else that can now reasonably be envisaged.

Tunnel 'will benefit North'

The advantages to the North of England that would come from the Channel tunnel were emphasized by Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, during Commons questions. He said there was the possibility of direct through services for passengers and freight by rail.

Dr Keith Hampson (Leeds North West, C) had said that electrification in the context of the development of the Channel tunnel would be an important factor in preventing northern companies from having to relocate in the South-east. Mr Mitchell should consider the development of a new freight terminal in Yorkshire to help companies to stay in the North.

Mr Mitchell: On freight terminals in that area of Yorkshire, British Rail are coming back to me next July with a report indicating where they want to have them.

Minister upset by cuts plan

Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, told MPs during Commons questions that he was concerned to learn of proposals being discussed to reduce undergraduate training at the School of Development Studies at East Anglia University.

He said that he had made his concern known to the Department of Education and Science and to the University Grants Committee. "Discussions are continuing and I hope they will have a satisfactory outcome."

He was replying to Mr Stuart Holland, an Opposition spokesman on overseas development, who said that the cuts undertaken by the Government had lacerated research in tropical development institutes. The whole future of the School of Development Studies was at risk.

Locusts come under attack

The Government was providing a further £567,000 for locust and grasshopper control in the Gambia, Mali and Sudan, Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, said during Commons questions.

He said that that came after more than £1.5 million committed last month for pesticides, sprayers, vehicles and spares to combat the desert locust upsurge in eastern Africa. "We stand ready to provide more help if needed."

Removal cost

The direct cost to public funds of removing illegal entrants, deportees and people refused leave to enter the United Kingdom during the financial year to the end of February was £1,001,959, Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply.

Tamils 'not only reason for Bill'

HOME OFFICE

The Bill to provide financial penalties on shipping firms and airlines if they bring to Britain would-be immigrants without proper documentation had been spurred by the arrival of more than 800 people claiming asylum between December 1986 and last month — nearly twice the number for all of 1984. Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, put that to the Commons when he moved the second reading of the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Bill.

Although nearly 500 of that total had come from Sri Lanka, he said, this was not a Bill about Tamils alone.

Its aim was to ensure that United Kingdom immigration control remained effective in the face of rapidly changing international pressures.

"We have to reconcile that aim with our international obligation to help the genuine victims of persecution."

Labour and the Liberals could not have it both ways. They could not proclaim in general terms that they wanted effective control while opposing everything necessary to keep it effective.

There was no point in their agreeing that there must be a bucket, but on the sole condition that it had plenty of holes in it.

The United Kingdom was not alone in wanting to see immigration controls working effectively, nor in facing growing pressures, particularly from the Third World.

"These growing pressures arise from a powerful combination. For the first time, large numbers of people have the means, the knowledge and the will to leave their own homes in the Third World and seek greater security, comfort and prosperity elsewhere."

The benefits of new visa arrangements for visitors from the Indian subcontinent and West Africa — which the Government had introduced in the face of much huffing and puffing last year — were now plain. They had reduced congestion at the ports and gone a long way to restoring the effectiveness of control.

But in recent months, the United Kingdom had faced a new loophole. It came mainly from people in need of visas but who, nevertheless, arrived without them and then resisted immediate return by claiming asylum.

He expected to receive by Wednesday representations on the cases of the 64 Tamil asylum seekers who arrived in mid-February. In view of that, he could make no comment on them at present.

The United Kingdom was not alone in facing these pressures: France, Denmark, Sweden, Canada and Belgium all had introduced measures to control asylum abuse and the Dutch were proposing legislation. There had to be sensible international understanding of how to improve arrangements.

A working group on immigration had been set up last year under the United Kingdom presidency of the European Community and that was being carried forward under the Belgian presidency.

Last week the group agreed specific recommendations on much the same lines as those in the Bill.

Decision to proceed on secrets is defended

In questions, before his announcement that the Government was to appeal in the Wright case, Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, was welcomed back to the Commons after his illness.

He was asked when he expected to discuss with the Director of Public Prosecutions progress on consideration of possible prosecutions under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act in the present eight outstanding cases.

He replied that when he next met the DPP he would discuss such matters as appeared appropriate.

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester, West, Lab): Will he learn the lessons from the catastrophic handling of the Wright case? As a result, will there be any prosecutions under section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, and which of the eight will be prosecuted? Do they include Nigel West, alias (Rupert) Allason, prospective Conservative candidate?

Sir Michael Havers: I do not accept that it was a catastrophic disaster. It was a principle we were maintaining, which we were right to do. Of the eight outstanding cases, two were convicted, two were dropped and the rest are awaiting final consideration.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C): Does he appreciate how much support there is for the principle that those who sign the Official Secrets Act and go on to break it, particularly for commercial gain, should be pursued and prosecuted. Anything he and his department do in that way will have outright support on this side.



Mr Michael Foot: "Conspiracy against Government".

Sir Michael Havers: That, in a nutshell, is the principle behind the case.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab): If it is true, as alleged in some reports, and in the Wright book, that people from MI5 were engaged in a conspiracy against the elected Government, is that a matter of principle, and what steps were taken to ensure that it was properly investigated?

Sir Michael Havers: I think I can most appropriately refer him to an answer by the then Prime Minister (Mr James Callaghan).

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C): Most MPs will welcome what he has just said. The operations of the secret service must remain secret, and that involves a lifelong duty of trust.

Sir Michael Havers: I welcome that and I am surprised that there appear to be so many on the Opposition side who cannot accept it.

Mr John Morris, Chief Opposition spokesman on legal affairs: What is the primary consideration for prosecuting — damage to national security or political embarrassment?

Does he maintain that there has been consistency of approach towards Tisdall, Pouting and other cases like West, Pincher, Lord Rothschild, and the security men who may have leaked to them? Section 2 has been virtually put out to grass, and replaced as a damage limitation exercise by actions for breach of confidentiality.

Sir Michael Havers: He keeps on using words like prosecution. These are civil proceedings in Australia.

In fact the principle which has been brought out so clearly today is that in the action in Australia it has been the objective of this Government to ensure that once a man joins the service and has promised to keep secret for life what he finds out, that should be maintained.

Mr Tam Dalyell asked what steps had been taken after the Australian hearing to find out what had induced Lord Rothschild to pay money for Wright to come to Britain to be introduced to Chapman Pincher. Why go for Wright and not Rothschild?

Sir Michael Havers: There is no question of any decision having been taken on Lord Rothschild. Police inquiries are not complete and the Director of Public Prosecutions has no report. Mr Dalyell fails to distinguish between insider and outsider books.

Assurance on steel capacity

INDUSTRY

No reductions in the steel-making capacity of the British Steel Corporation were included in the European Steel Producers Federation proposals to the European Commission to cut capacity in some steel-making sectors, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said in a Commons statement.

At a meeting of the Council of Ministers on Thursday, which he would attend, the Commission would make a statement of its views of the federation's proposals.

The Commission's view, shared generally by member states of the EEC, was that there was still substantial excess steel-making capacity in the Community.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that alarm had spread rapidly in the industry in Britain at the news of possible Commission proposals to cut steel-making capacity.

He wanted a categorical assurance that the pledge given to maintain five integrated steel plants would be maintained absolutely until 1988 and that no proposals would be agreed to take effect after that or to prejudice future decisions.

Mr Shaw gave an unequivocal assurance about maintaining the five integrated plant strategy. The Government was comitted to it.

No step would be taken to prejudice the future of the strategy after the date Mr Smith had mentioned.

Scottish rates reform

Councils begin Lords battle

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Scottish and English local authorites have launched a strong campaign in the House of Lords to persuade peers that the Bill to reform the Scottish rating system will prove unworkable.

The Bill, which replaces Scottish rates with a "poll tax", is expected to receive an unopposed second reading in the Lords today. It paves the way for a similar reform in England and Wales if Mrs Margaret Thatcher wins a third election.

The Commons, with a large Conservative majority, had little chance of changing the Bill. But in the Lords the Government has less power to stop a determined attempt to redraft it, especially as there is large contingent of Scottish peers on the Conservative benches and on the Independent cross-benches who need to be convinced that the reform will be fairer.

The peers also have the ability to influence the final shape of the Bill because of the the Government's eagerness to get it on the statute book before the general election.

A tight timetable has been drawn up to get the Bill through the Lords by mid-May. Senior ministers have said they are not willing to see the reform sacrificed for the sake of a May general election, but it is expected to be through in time for Mrs Thatcher to have the chance of calling a June election.



Lord Selkirk: System "needs energetic examination".

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (Cosla), with the English local council associations, is pressing the peers to make important changes to the Bill.

Cosla predicted that it would be an administrative nightmare to track down all the individuals on the electoral register

"The most effective way to do this would be door to door. But that is the most expensive way. Under the current rating system the costs for collection in Scotland are £20 million a year. The new system would be double or two-and-a-half times that," a spokesman said.

Cosla welcomed the fact that the Government had dropped the idea of a transitional period when the community charge and rates would run in tandem.

But it would be pressing peers to delay the reform by one year, until April 1990, to give councils more time to get the electoral register up to date and to computerize the system.

Lord Selkirk, a leading Conservative Scottish peer, said yesterday that the reform was a tremendous step forward because it took taxes off houses.

"There are hundreds of difficulties in the new system and it needs an energetic examination", he said. "Many people will complain that it is grinding the faces of the poor — which is nonsense. But the advantages of taking taxes off housing are enormous."

Motorways are being reviewed

A better motorway network was necessary to improve Britain's industrial efficiency, Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C) said when he was told during Commons questions that spending on motorway construction had declined but that the programme was to be reviewed.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, had said that in the past three years spending on building motorways had been reduced from £323 million in 1983-84 to £317 million in 1984-85 and £254 million in 1985-86, reflecting the switch to trunk road improvements, particularly bypasses.

He added that capital investment in roads was nearly 30 per cent higher in real terms than in 1978-79. He told Mr Knox that the 30 per cent figure was in real terms because it encompassed a switch to trunk roads and bypasses, but he understood the MP's point.

"Motorways do help economic development so I am reviewing the programme and hope to make some announcements in the spring."

He said later that since 1979, 398 miles of new all-purpose trunk road had been completed, beyond the motorway figures. A total of 67 bypasses had been completed.

Employees to get BAA sale 'bonus'

The privatization of the British Airports Authority, planned for June-July this year, was progressing well and employees would be able to obtain £100 worth of shares free at the time of flotation, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, said during Commons question time.

Mr Peter Hubbard-Miles (Bridgend, C) had asked if special arrangements had been made in the privatization for the employees to obtain shares.

Mr Moore said the 70,200 employees would be involved in the issue. They would be eligible for £100 worth of shares at no cost at the time of flotation and the Government would provide two free shares for each share purchased by an employee up to a maximum of £400 worth of free shares for £200 purchased.

Employees and pensioners of BAA would be able to apply on a priority basis for shares at the offer price.

Mr Robert Hughes, chief Opposition spokesman on Transport, asked if the Government had learnt anything from the British Airways sale, where a great deal of public money had been lost.

Mr Moore said that the Government had learnt from the successful privatization of British Airways. It was now trying to discover which the Opposition feared most, a further successful privatization or a general election.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C) asked if the Government would deal with the question of the loss-making Stansted Airport during the privatization. A new terminal was being built while passenger traffic was going down.

Mr Moore could not accept that proposition. Mr Wells should wait for the detailed prospectus in advance of the privatization of BAA.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L.) asked whether legislation would be provided to ensure that foreign airlines would not be able to acquire shares and form a cartel that could have some control over BAA.

Mr Moore said he could give that assurance. Provision would be included in the articles of association of the BAA to restrict shareholders, either individually or parties acting in concert, to 15 per cent of total issue share capital.

In addition, the Secretary of State would retain a special share which would give him the right to veto any proposed change to the articles.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): The Budget.

Lords (2.30): Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, second reading.

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Book early to beat rush, minister tells tourists to Britain

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Britain is preparing for an upsurge in tourists this summer.

The biggest increase in visitors is expected to be from America where thousands, put off last year because of terrorism and Chernobyl, once again make Britain their number one holiday destination.

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, is so confident of a big upsurge that he is flying to New York to warn travel agents to ensure that their clients book early and do not concentrate on London.

Mr Spicer said yesterday: "The British tourist industry is buoyant and over two million visitors are expected from North America alone.

"I will be reminding holidaymakers not to restrict their activities to London alone, and that there are a vast range of historical and scenic delights further afield in the United Kingdom that are too good to miss."

One of the by-products of the tourist boom is the continuing spiral in the price of a hotel room.

Some London hotels now charge up to £150 a night for a single room, and American travel firms are now basing many of their tours in the Midlands with only a quick trip to the capital.

North Atlantic airlines both in Britain and America are rapidly filling the scheduled summer flights with British Airways leading the way.

But although the newly privatized airline is outselling other carriers across the Atlantic, Mr Spicer and a team of Department of Transport officials are anxious to negotiate an even better deal for British airlines.

They are particularly concerned at the "unfairness" of computer reservation systems in the US which give American carriers far greater prominence in the computer than their British rivals.

Plea for more Euro-flights

A holiday entrepreneur yesterday spelt out his motivation for launching 11 new scheduled air routes throughout Europe in one word . . . profit.

Mr Harry Goodman, who is applying to add a network of cut-price scheduled business services to his profitable and succesful charter airline, Air Europe, told the Civil Aviation Authority: "The concern of my company is one word, profit. It can be no concern of mine what affect my application has on the efficiency or otherwise of other airlines.

"We want not only to make a profit for our group but to give the consumer a real choice when he flies from Gatwick."

During the next week he and his officials will be challenged by British Caledonian and Dan Air to prove that his ambitious plans will not only fit in with government policy, but will result in profit for the whole industry

Air Europe, he said, had just signed for 10 new aircraft to operate the services from Gatwick in direct competition to those already being flown by other British airlines.

Under his scheme Air Europe would be given licences to operate to a wide range of European cities.

But British Caledonian has similar plans. It has aplied for five routes for which it once held licences but was unable to operate because inter-governmental agreement could not be reached.

Monroe's sequins for sale



Hollywood came to the West End of London yesterday when the showgirl's outfit worn by the late Marilyn Monroe (above) in the 1956 film *Bus Stop* was modelled by Vicky Scott outside Sotheby's in New Bond Street.

The green satin outfit with black sequins and a net tail will be included in Sotheby's sale of costumes and textiles on May 15 and is expected to fetch more than £10,000 (Contemporary photograph: Chris Harris).

Peer's son appears on charges of dishonesty

Committal proceedings against Ernest Harry Shinwell, accused of dishonestly obtaining cash and property including a Rolls-Royce, started yesterday at Guildhall Magistrates' Court, London.

The son of Lord Shinwell, the late Labour peer, Mr Shinwell, a business consultant, of Melrose Avenue, Willesden, north-west London, is alleged to have induced, by deception, Space Action, trading as Chartavia, to forego payment of $6.25 million (£4.2 million) on March 27, 1984 at the Yorkshire Bank, Cheapside.

Charges include that on August 19, 1983, he procured dishonestly a £12,500 cheque from James Crosbie by falsely representing Overseas Holdings was in a position to fund a Sierra Leone gold and mining development.

Mr Shinwell is also accused of dishonestly obtaining a Rolls-Royce from Esherbury Ltd with intent to deprive by pretending a bill of exchange for $250,000 was genuine and valid and, on March 6, 1984, while an undischarged bankrupt, he dishonestly obtained by deception a Bentley car from Geoffrey Walker, pretending he genuinely intended to buy a $5.25 million aircraft

The hearing, for which reporting restrictions were not lifted, continues today.

Surgeons use lasers to unblock arteries

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Laser beam surgery will be used to unblock the coronary arteries of heart disease patients in a hospital in Leeds.

The technique is being developed by specialists at Killingbeck Hospital in the first project of its kind in Britain.

Lasers will be used first on patients with blocked arteries in the leg, where the blood vessels are long and straight.

Work will then start on the more complex task of unblocking the smaller, curved arteries leading to the heart.

Blockages can be vaporized with powerful miniature laser blasts. Lasers are already used in surgery for a number of other illnesses and for cutting in heart operations.

British heart specialists are interested in the use of lasers but some express caution because of the lack of evidence showing long-term benefits to coronary disease patients.

The Killingbeck team, led by Dr Michael Rees, a consultant cardiac radiologist, is being supported by the National Heart Research Fund, based at Halifax.

Dr Rees said yesterday: "The trials we are carrying out will mean a significant step forward in finding effective treatment for many people.

Sharp rise in homes for sale

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

A sharp increase in the number of properties coming on to the housing market last month shows a confident market and confirms expectations of a healthy spring for both buyers and sellers, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says in its latest house price survey.

Reports of a "startling growth of activity since Christmas" come from some of the 175 estate agents polled in England and Wales for the quarter ending February 28. They had an average of 124 homes for sale each, compared with 105 in January.

The average number of sales negotiated remains steady at 46, although the increase in homes on the market is likely to be reflected in next month's figures.

Prices are gradually easing upwards, with nearly half the agents reporting increases of up to 2 per cent.

Mr Peter Miller, institution housing market spokesman, says that confidence in the market has been increased by Budget expectations.

"The RICS has for some time called for the abolition of what it considers an arbitrary system of placing a tax threshold on property above £30,000.

"Its expected rise to £35,000 will undoubtedly help some first-time buyers and this, along with the projected reduction in income tax, will free still more money into the market."

MPs face cut-backs on travel

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Expenses-paid foreign travel by MPs could be pruned under a proposal being considered by the liaison committee of select committee chairmen.

The proposal, which is already encountering opposition, is that only four MPs from any one committee should pursue inquiries abroad unless there is a pressing reason for more to go.

Each select committee now vies for a share of the £327,000 allocated annually for overseas travel. Committees will, if lucky, obtain the money for one big trip a year and almost all themembers will go.

Supporters of the new proposal believe that by limiting numbers many more trips could be made for the same overall cost. They also believe smaller numbers would lead to more flexible and more incisive investigations.

Recent figures show that, for example, eight MPs and a clerk on the procedure committee spent £12,500 last year visiting the Canadian parliament on an inquiry into the use of time in the Commons, and that the Welsh committee spent nearly £3,000 taking eight MPs and staff to The Netherlands on an inquiry into tourism.

The limit will be opposed by those who enjoy "junkets" and by those who argue that all committee members should have the same access to information to facilitate unanimous reports.

Lawyers and computers: 2

City firms tune in to data networks

In the second of two articles on computers and the law, Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at how lawyers' offices are changing.

Computers are moving into the traditionally antiquated workplaces of lawyers. Several big city firms of solicitors have embarked on million pound technology programmes and increasing numbers of barristers' chambers are becoming computerized.

MacFarlanes, a medium-sized city firm with some 30 partners, has just bought a £1 million word processing and data processing system which will result in 100 desk top terminals.

Mr Vanni Treves, the senior partner, says: "The increased competition has brought enormous pressure to have all the latest equipment to be efficient. The clients expect it."

A slightly larger city firm with some 40 partners, Theodore Goddard, is typical of what such firms are up to: it has just spent close to £1 million on a technology programme aimed at improving communications, producing documents, storing and retrieving data and for accounting and time recording (such as how long a call takes to a client).

It has a new sophisticated telephone system, allowing three-way conversations between partners and clients and which logs calls and costs them. It also has telex and machines for facsimile transmission (fax).

In the firm's library there is also a terminal where lawyers can call up one of the legal data bases which store cases, such as Lexis, Lawtel or Jordans (on company law).

Small firms which make up the bulk of the profession cannot afford technology of that kind but many are now buying word processors as well as, recently, fax machines.

There is also now British Telecom's Network for Law, an electronic mail system based on Telecom Gold, which has some 200 solicitor-users. On this they can send telexes and messages, amend documents and watch a law society bulletin board with updates on new laws and tax reforms

At the Bar in the past year the number of chambers with computers is thought to have doubled to about 100 out of the total of 350.

The Temple chambers at Fountain Court – a mix of commercial and common law – is fairly typical of those commercial sets of chambers moving with the times: in 1981 it had word processors, by 1983 it had computerized accounts

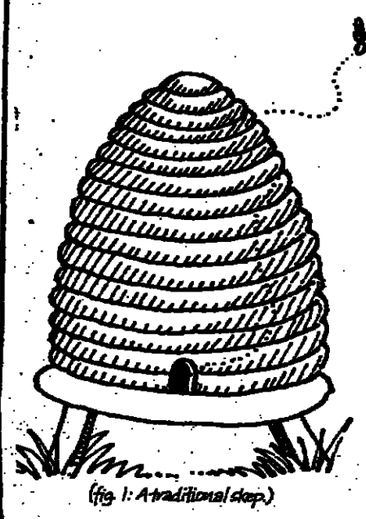
But now, with the arrival of the crown prosecution service and new ways of paying barristers' fees, computers are moving in to the criminal Bar.

The Government's aim to move towards more pretrial hearings to cut the cost of full trials will also increase reliance on computers, according to Mr Henry Brooke, QC, last year's chairman of the Senate's computer committee.

Concluded

The benefits of the IBM 6150 UNIX multi-user RISC-based Micro Computer, with 5.6 gigabyte memory 4.5 M.I.P. processor and 16 megabyte RAM.

AS EXPLAINED BY A BEEKEEPER.



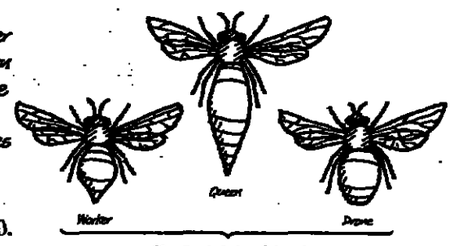
(fig. 1: A traditional skep.)

For so work the honey-bees,
Creatures that by a rule in nature teach
The act of order to a peopled kingdom.
Shakespeare. Henry V, Act I, scene ii.

Observing the bees at work today it struck me that the humble hive has more turnover, more profit, less overheads and is run more efficiently than any business in the world.

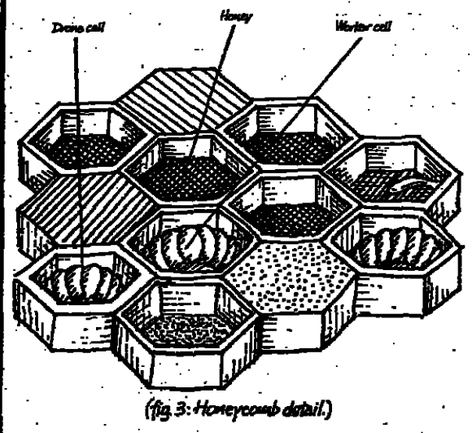
The IBM 6150 System creates the same effect by linking the various functions of a company together.

Judging by the way the bees cluster round her it's obvious that the Queen provides a centre of control at the heart of the hive.
As Managing Director she delegates to both workers and drones.



(fig. 2: Apis Mellifera.)

Much the same way as an IBM 6150. It has a powerful database to provide access for multiple terminals, so different departments can interact miles apart (an improvement over the Queen bee who stays close to home).



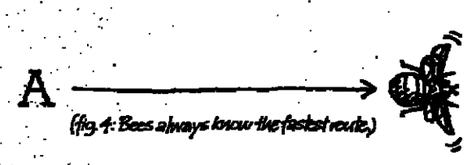
(fig. 3: Honeycomb detail.)

The bees are drowsy in this heat so I was able to get a closer look at the thousands of honeycomb cells which store the hive's resources.

The 6150 has a rather more impressive disk storage of 5.6 gigabytes, enough for an entire company.

Even as I write, new cells are being built and filled as the hive grows.

With memory increased to 16 megabytes the 6150 also gives you plenty of room to expand.



(fig. 4: Bees always know the fastest route.)

While pottering in the garden I noticed that contrary to popular belief bees do not buzz about aimlessly but always take the most direct route. They never stop to smell the roses unless there is nectar to be had.

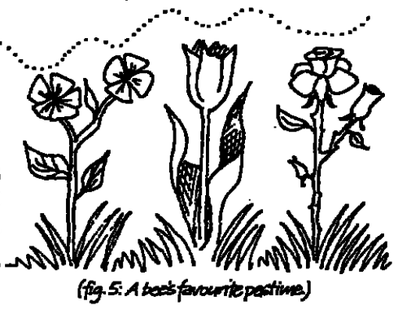
With a 6150, data makes a beeline direct to your terminal due to reduced instruction set coding (RISC) which eliminates unnecessary paths in a computer.

Once a bee is on the scent of something good I think he becomes one of nature's swiftest creatures!

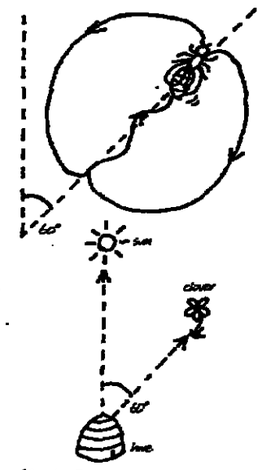
But nothing like as quick as the 6150 with a processor that sends information to you at 4.5 million instructions per second. A bee would approve.

From buttercups to borage the garden daily tempts the bees hither.

And as a bee flits from flower to flower, the compatible 6150 runs over 300 software programs from accountancy to graphic design because it runs AIX, an enhanced version of UNIX.



(fig. 5: A bee's favourite pastime.)



(fig. 6: The waggle dance tells where the clover lies.)

After weeks of waiting I was rewarded today by a rare glimpse of the waggle dance in full swing. For when a scout bee has vital news, like where a patch of covetable clover lies, he telegraphs the fact by wiggling his tail in a dance all the bees understand.

Bees can only buzz with other bees, but a 6150 with SNA and Ethernet communications can relay needed information to an entire network of computer users from PCs to mainframes, all at the same time.

This 'bee bop' was a call to action and within seconds the bees scrambled for take-off.

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(fig. 7: An Apiarian at work.)

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(fig. 8: This year's surplus.)

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Howe proposes radical rethink of European defence policies

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Against a background of swiftly evolving nuclear arms control prospects and growing pressure in Washington for a reduced American military presence in Europe, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday called for a seminal European rethink of long-held assumptions about defence.

He stressed the continuing role of Nato as guarantor of European security. But in an unmistakable warning that Europe must learn to rely on itself, Sir Geoffrey put forward a controversial proposal for a European defence strategy centred on the almost forgotten Western European Union (WEU) and based on both European conventional forces and the British and French nuclear deterrents.

The proposal is seen as especially significant in the light of Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow in 10 days' time, which is likely to be dominated by Mr Gorbachov's recent acceptance of Nato's "zero-zero" option in intermediate range nuclear forces (INF). Moscow says this could lead within six months to the withdrawal of all "Euro-missiles" — SS20s on the Soviet side and American cruise and Pershing 2 on the Nato side. It is still not clear how such a deal would affect the deterrents.

Sir Geoffrey, attending an EEC foreign ministers' meeting, told the Brussels Institute of International Relations that the American contribution to European security remained vital, in the shape of both the overall nuclear shield and the 350,000 US troops in Europe. America and Europe were inextricably linked and "decoupling would be perverse".

But Europe had to face the fact that Washington was preoccupied with the Pacific, south-west Asia and Central America, and "Europe no longer dominates American thinking".

The WEU, founded in 1954, should be strengthened and broadened beyond its membership of seven (Britain plus the six original EEC founder members — France, West Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and Italy), Sir Geoffrey said.

Previous attempts to revive the WEU, notably in Rome three years ago, have foundered, partly due to American hostility. Britain's intervention could be decisive. It coincides with a growing readiness in Paris to acknowledge that the French nuclear deterrent exists to protect West Germany as well as France itself.

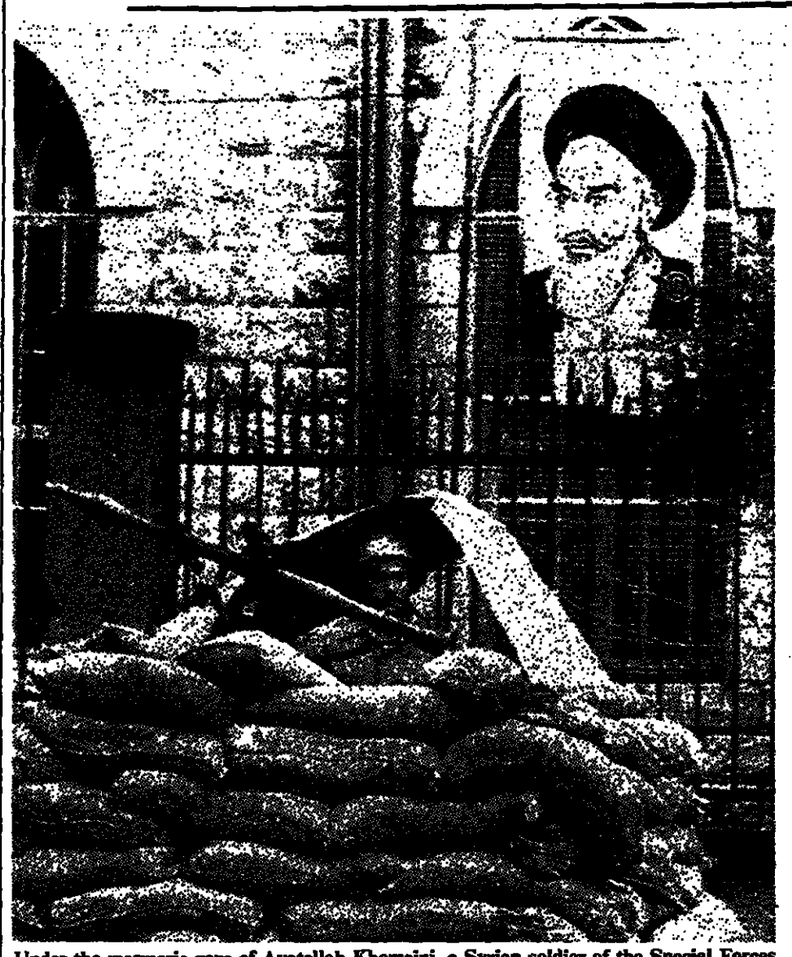
Sir Geoffrey said that the French no longer thought in terms of "national sanctuaries" but were ready to discuss ways in which French forces could be involved in "Europe's common defence".

Sir Geoffrey appeared to dismiss suggestions that the 12 EEC states could evolve a defence policy, with EEC foreign policy acquiring "a full security dimension". The WEU was a more appropriate forum. The recently revised Treaty of Rome, the EEC's founding document, provides for a security policy, but the obstacles include Ireland's determinedly neutral status.

"We need to be alert to trends in American thinking which might diminish our security in the longer term," Sir Geoffrey said. To doubt America's commitment when there were hundreds of thousands of American troops in Europe was to "turn fancy into fear". But the Europeans had to contribute more, and he cited both the steady erosion of Belgian defence spending and Spain's reservations about its commitment to European (rather than Spanish) defence as a matter of concern.

"A Europe which gets its own ideas straight is a far more rewarding partner for the US and is far more likely to have its views taken seriously," Sir Geoffrey said.

Two faces of Syrian-occupied Beirut



Under the mesmeric gaze of Ayatollah Khomeini, a Syrian soldier of the Special Forces shelters from the rain under metal sheeting outside the American University in west Beirut.

Amal's gamble on war in south

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

The presence of 7,500 Syrian troops in west Beirut has prompted the Shia Muslim Amal militia to devote renewed energy to its war against the Israelis who are still occupying a strip of territory in southern Lebanon.

Mr Nabih Berri, the Amal leader, has authorized a renewal of guerrilla attacks in the south although the Israelis, according to reports in Beirut, have already sent him a warning through the United Nations that further assaults on their soldiers will result in Israeli attacks on Shia villages north of the occupation zone.

After months of relative inactivity in the south, Amal has claimed responsibility for the killing of an Israeli officer. Yesterday it said it had entered the Israeli occupation zone and captured a member of Israel's proxy "South Lebanon Army" militia.

Mr Berri's latest enthusiasm for the war in the south, however, is not quite as straightforward as it might seem. Amal's failure to crush PLO guerrillas in the Palestinian camps in Beirut and Tyre had already tarnished its image, while internal dissensions within the movement in southern Lebanon — where Amal officials staged a near-mutiny against Mr Berri — threatened to destroy the organization. A renewed guerrilla war against the Israelis and their allies provides a much-needed diversion.

Meanwhile, in west Beirut yesterday considerable prominence was given in the Lebanese press to a statement by Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, one of the most important spiritual guides within Hezbollah, appealing for the life of M Jean-Louis Normandin, the French television technician whose captors were threatening at the weekend to murder him.

"You cannot obstruct the policy of a (French) President by executing a kidnap victim," he said. "This is meaningless. If he is innocent, on what basis do we threaten to execute him? And if he was not innocent, why was he not tried at the start?"

M Normandin's kidnappers, who belong to the self-styled Revolutionary Justice Organization, had threatened to put their prisoner on "trial" unless President Mitterrand clarified remarks he had made about French arms sales to Iraq and Syria's presence in west Beirut. Sheikh Fadlallah's prestige is such that his intercession may well have prevented M Normandin's murder.

Sheikh Mehdi Shamseddin, Lebanon's most senior Shia cleric, said last night that the life of M Normandin, the French hostage, would "probably" be spared after "difficult negotiations" he had conducted with the captors.

Israel's Bible commandment

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Israeli schoolchildren must not use Bibles which contain both the Old and New Testaments, and schools may not teach parts of the New Testament alongside the Old during Bible classes under a Ministry of Education order.

According to Mr Mati Dagan, deputy director of the ministry's religious education division, the Testaments must not be taught as if they were equal, since the Old Testament was given by God and the New was written by men.

The ruling has been issued because kibbutz schools have been using Bibles containing both Testaments donated by Christian missionary groups.

Mr Mordechai Baran, co-ordinator of education for one kibbutz movement, has criticized the order as "fetishistic and idolatrous" because it gives religious significance to the book instead of the contents. One headmaster, Mr Moshe Edelstein, said: "Jews have been murdered and persecuted for centuries because of the New Testament. The Old Testament must remain sacred because it represents what makes us Jews."

But one Bible teacher, Mr Shimon Shifris, said pitting the New Testament against the Old was a good way of showing students why Judaism was a higher level of religion.

● Hungarian offer: The head of a Hungarian semi-official organization says his group is willing to serve as an intermediary between Israel and Hungary in the absence of diplomatic ties (Reuter reports). An Israeli official said the offer came from Dr Jeno Rande, General Secretary of the World Federation of Hungarians.

WORLD SUMMARY

Factory blast in China kills 47

Peking (AFP) — An explosion rocked a textile factory in Harbin, north-eastern China, killing 47 people and injuring 179, according to reports here yesterday.

The official New China News Agency said that the explosion occurred in the carding, drawing and spinning workshops at the flax mill, the largest in Asia.

The *Legal Daily* said that four workshops had been destroyed and that about 470 people were working at the plant when the blast happened.

The news agency reported that an accumulation of flax dust could have caused the explosion. Firemen were joined by about 1,000 police and soldiers, who worked for more than three hours to extinguish the blaze.

Apartheid still rules

Geneva — The structure of racial discrimination in South Africa remains basically unchanged, according to a four-member mission from the International Commission of Jurists (Alan McGregor writes).

The mission said after a three-week visit: "There is no indication that the will of the ruling party in South Africa to retain power in the hands of the white minority is in any way diminished."

Czechs to face trial

Vienna (Reuter) — A man who tried to stand as an independent candidate in Czechoslovakia's single-slate general election last year will be put on trial today for incitement, emigré sources said.

Mr Pavel Vonka, an ethnic German, will be tried together with his brother Jiri, who is charged with writing various appeals against acts of bureaucracy. They face up to three years in prison if found guilty.

Protest over bishop

Santiago — The Chilean military Government has decided to protest formally to the Vatican about recent comments by Mgr Carlos Camus, the Chilean bishop (Lake Sagaris writes).

Mgr Camus's remarks in an interview in *El Mercurio* last week, which contained outspoken criticisms of the Government's human rights violations and in which he called himself a "dissident", touched off controversy between the bishop's supporters and the 13-year-old military Government of President Pinochet.

Monthly leave plea

Manila — A Philippine women's organization is asking the Government for legislation allowing them time off work when they are menstruating (Reuter reports).

The Movement of Women Workers, which has 15,000 members, says it will ask the Labour Department for at least two days' leave a month with pay. Existing laws already allow up to 45 days' leave for births, miscarriages and abortions.

Soldiers' bail veto

Nairobi (Reuter) — A Kenyan court yesterday rejected bail applications by two British soldiers who had been appealing against their conviction for unruly behaviour which occurred during a night club brawl.

Corporal Paul Walker was sentenced to one year in prison and three strokes of the cane, while his companion, Private Sean Hughes, was given three months for disorderly conduct by a magistrates' court in Nairobi on February 23.

US accused of delay

Moscow — Mr Andronik Petrosyants, chief Soviet negotiator at Geneva talks on nuclear testing, has told *Pravda* that the US is trying to lead discussions into a dead end (A Correspondent writes). His comment coincided with talks between Mr Michael Armacost, US Undersecretary of State, and Mr Yuli Vorontsov, right, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, as negotiations reopened yesterday in Geneva.



White youth jailed

Johannesburg — In a judgement likely to arouse fresh controversy about the tendency of courts here to punish white violence against blacks less severely than the reverse, an 18-year-old white youth was sentenced in Pretoria yesterday to a jail term of five years, of which half is suspended, for killing a black servant (Michael Hornsby writes).

Johan Hendrik Breytenbach was convicted of homicide for driving his car over Mrs Maria Rametsi "to scare her" as she lay sleeping in a suburban park. The magistrate accepted that the accused had not driven deliberately over the woman.

Reagan aims to boost image with TV press conference

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan is planning to give his first full-scale televised press conference in four months on Thursday, in an effort to demonstrate that he is fully in command of his Administration and has resolutely put the Iran scandal behind him.

Apart from brief replies to occasional shouted questions, Mr Reagan has not answered reporters' questions on the Iran affair or any other subject since November 19, when he gave a press conference regarded as little short of disastrous.

Mr Reagan flatly denied then that he had ever traded arms for hostages, and said no third country was involved in the deal — a claim quickly corrected by the White House.

Mr Reagan has since twice broadcast on the affair — in a brief but effective television address two weeks ago, and in his radio speech on Saturday, when he admitted he had been wrong on Iran.

Congressmen of both parties have said that Mr Reagan must now hold a press conference to demonstrate that he is able to deal with issues without having to rely on a prepared text.

Mr Donald Regan, the former White House Chief of Staff, repeatedly asked him to call a press conference last month, and quarrelled openly with Mrs Nancy Reagan.

Mrs Reagan, aware of the poor impression her husband gave last time, insisted he should not appear before the sharp-tongued White House press corps until he had fully recovered from his prostate operation and had time to prepare himself.

Meanwhile, controversy has erupted over a claim that Mr Manucher Ghorbanifar, an Iranian arms dealer, used Ms Barbara Walters, a veteran ABC television correspondent, to pass on secretly to President Reagan his views about the arms sale to Iran.

Ms Walters interviewed him and Mr Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi businessman, in December soon after the scandal broke.

ABC said that afterwards she prepared an internal memo outlining Mr Ghorbanifar's private statements, and sent this to the White House at his request. An ABC spokesman said the network was consulted first, and this was "rather unusual".

Ms Walters said that some of Mr Ghorbanifar's information dealt with alleged payment to Iranian officials. She "felt terrible" about acting as an intermediary, but believed it important that Mr Reagan receive the information.

The memorandum was not mentioned by the Tower Commission.

Moi secures £50m UK aid

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

President Moi of Kenya yesterday received a warmer reception in Britain than he had last week in Washington.

After pointed questions asked by the State Department about human rights in Kenya, it must have been a relief to the President to find that Whitehall had totally different priorities.

He was received by the Queen after signing an agreement with Mrs Thatcher under which Britain will provide a further £50 million in aid.

The £200 million Britain has given over the last six years is only a fraction of the total stake. British companies have about £1 billion invested there and UK exports to Kenya exceed those to any black African country except Nigeria. The money will be spent on developing Kenyan agriculture, natural resources, transport and energy supplies.

The level of ministerial contacts has been exceptionally high. President Moi saw Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, last week before flying to Washington. He met Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, yesterday.

Nothing emerged to suggest that allegations of torture of opposition suspects by the Kenyan police were discussed.

Kenya's status as a "most favoured nation" has so far been unaffected by the allegations, the official Whitehall line being that its overall human rights record remains fairly good.

This contrasts with the stance taken by the US State Department while President Moi was in Washington meeting President Reagan. The department urged the Kenyan Government to investigate the allegations, departing from the practice of avoiding embarrassing visiting leaders.

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Firms using agencies to do the sacking as Japan's jobless increase

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan is facing a new phenomenon — unemployment on a scale it has not experienced since the end of the war.

And, amid a growing stream of redundancies in Japanese manufacturing industries, a new business, euphemistically called "outplacement", is gathering strength. It means companies specializing in firing employees for Japanese corporations.

In Japan, where a college graduate has until now joined a firm for life, workers and executives from their early forties onward are being dismissed. The lifetime employment system, considered a major strength of Japanese management and one of the secrets of its success, is shown to be just as vulnerable as anything in the West during bad times.

The lifetime employment system makes unemployment, a traumatic experience anywhere, doubly difficult because the Japanese have always been expected to put the company before family and outside interests. But unlike the West, where concern for the individual makes managers go a long way towards softening the blow, the difficulty of dealing with dismissal face-to-face makes the Japanese method of dismissing workers seem all the more inhuman.

Decades of loyalty seem to count for nothing. A senior manager with Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries (IHI), who helped build the company into a key element in Japan's dominance of world shipbuilding in the 1960s and 1970s, was given two months to clear his desk.

He was not called into the managing director's office and thanked for his service but treated as just one in an entire department the company decided to abolish because it was losing money. A list of the doomed employees was handed to an outplacement agency and it was left to the firm to extract them from IHI and to try to find them other jobs.

The process has to be slow and diplomatic. The first time the outplacement agency man meets his client, the latter has no inkling of what is about to happen. By the second or third meeting the subject is discussed and the suddenly jobless executive is often consumed with the anger of betrayal.

In Japan, where work is akin to religion and nonconformity a fate worse than death, one outplacement agency in Tokyo caters to the shame felt by the unemployed. The unemployed person can leave the house at 7:30 am every day as usual, and stay all day at the agency, doing nothing.

"Now the ugly side of Japanese management is beginning to come out," one outplacement manager said. He estimates that already some 350,000 executives have lost their jobs, in addition to blue-collar staff.

Country-wide, government agencies believe there are perhaps two million people in industry who really do not have jobs. To protect their dignity a parallel system of ranks is set up, but with the strong yen and Japanese companies seeking production bases abroad, many companies can no longer afford such niceties.

Japanese companies have long been overmanned. After the oil shocks of the early 1970s, firms tried to reduce their staffing levels, but the economy recovered quickly and pressures to slim down were eased. Since the need to phase out uncompetitive heavy industries became clear, managers have gone to extraordinary lengths to diversify or trim expenses to stave off dismissal.

Steelworkers have found themselves running coffee shops, shipbuilders making structures for Buddhist temples. But now it is no longer possible to go on absorbing the cost of unwanted labour as Japan's economy begins to shed much of its shipbuilding capacity and the remnants of its coal and textile industries.

The Government estimates that unemployment is now a record 3 per cent but that estimate is too low. This is because the criteria for unemployment are different to those in the West.

Because of the way Japan counts its jobless total the real rate of unemployment is probably more like double the government figure when analysed according to Western standards. In Japan a person is considered employed if he or she has worked a single hour in any week.

Weinberger woos Spain



Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, right, putting his point of view to King Juan Carlos during their brief meeting at the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid yesterday.

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

King Juan Carlos could spare only 10 minutes for Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, in Madrid yesterday.

The brief duration of Mr Weinberger's courtesy call suggested that the monarch, who recently advised "tact and prudence" in Spain's negotiations about the level of its participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and about the reduction of the US military presence in Spain, was practising what he has preached.

On his arrival on Sunday night from Washington, the Secretary of Defence remarked, in answer to a reporter's question, that he expects conditions surrounding the negotiations on the future of bases used by the United States to improve after his visit. He made no further comment.

Only a few hours before his arrival, police and Spanish Air Force troops clashed with demonstrators who marched to the base at nearby Torrejón, calling for the expulsion of American forces and for Spain to get out of Nato.

After visiting the King, Mr Weinberger conferred yesterday morning with Señor Narcis Serra, the Spanish Defence Minister.

Officially, the purpose of Mr Weinberger's visit was to discuss security on the southern flank of Nato, and his itinerary after Spain included stops in Turkey and Portugal.

● ANKARA: The US Defence Secretary will renew Washington's commitment to build up Turkey's armed forces during a four-day visit beginning today, diplomats said here yesterday (Reuter reports).

Greek anger at US rewards to Turks hinders bases deal

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Energetic American efforts to reward Turkey for agreeing to renew the arrangement on US military bases on its soil are infuriating the Greeks, who see Washington's blandishments to the Turks as a provocative anti-Greek campaign.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, who this week is touring southern European states which have US bases, including Turkey, was made to understand that he would be unwelcome in Athens after he described the role of the Turkish forces occupying northern Cyprus as defensive.

Other high-ranking American officials testified at the same congressional hearings that the Turks had a legitimate right to upgrade the old American tanks their Army keeps in Cyprus. Athens saw these statements as a reversal of earlier US condemnations of the Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus.

For the Greeks, the implications could be far-reaching. The Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974 is the symbolic root of their security concerns in the Aegean.

Any American statement condoning this Turkish act increases Greek alarm over Turkish intentions in the Aegean. To guard against this perceived threat, the Greeks have been relying on keeping US security aid to Greece and Turkey in a ratio of seven to 10, as a means of preserving the military balance in the Aegean. The US Government has refused to be tied down to any ratios.

Now Athens fears that Washington's new benevolence towards Turkey betrays a plot to upset the ratio.

The malaise in US-Greek relations coincides with growing Greek-Turkish tension in the Aegean.

The climate here was aggravated by remarks made by Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, who is recovering from open heart surgery in Houston, Texas.

Speaking at a local Press Club dinner, he said: "The only thing that can force the Greeks to compromise is a strong Turkey."

Against this background Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, told the Americans over the weekend that he would halt the "step by step" process for normalizing US-Greek relations unless the seven-to-10 ratio in aid grants to Greece and Turkey is respected.

The US-Greek rapprochement, begun just over 18 months ago, was assumed to be leading eventually to the renewal of the US bases agreement which expires at the end of 1988. Mr Papandreou had promised Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, that these negotiations would be completed before the end of 1987, but they have not even begun.

The Americans are already growing impatient enough to stimulate fears that the Socialist Prime Minister of Greece may be planning a gamble by refusing to negotiate on the bases and recapture the left-wing vote before springing a surprise general election later this year or early next.

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Economic crisis in Africa

Zambia banks on rescue by IMF

From Paul Vallely, Lusaka

The strategy by which the governments of the West have sought to revitalize the flailing economies of Africa is coming under severe stress here in Zambia, where the Government is today due to conclude negotiations with a team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The two sides are trying to agree on a rescue package in an attempt to salvage something from the wreckage of what was, until comparatively recently, the IMF's showcase "adjustment" programme in Africa.

Dramatic food riots in December, in which 15 people died and some $10 million (£6.4 million) worth of damage was done by rampaging mobs in the once-prosperous Copper Belt, put paid to the IMF-inspired austerity programme. President Kaunda was panicked into a humiliating television broadcast in which he announced that he was reversing his decision to remove the subsidy on the staple food, maize meal. Within weeks he also announced the suspension of the foreign currency auction which had previously brought a swift series of devaluations totalling more than 600 per cent.

The restoration of the food subsidy alone will cost the Government more than $50 million this year. The suspension of the currency auction will starve Zambia of the foreign currency necessary for the purchase of vital imports, including fuel, spare parts and raw materials, and for its crucial export-earning industries. With them the two main planks of the IMF platform have collapsed.

At independence Zambia was perhaps the most prosperous state in black Africa. But the substantial revenues from its copper mines were a mixed blessing; they enabled the development of a welfare state which was the envy of its neighbours, but they also disguised the fact that the controlled economy was being run with enormous inefficiency.

Despite the rhetoric which acknowledged the necessity to develop agriculture and lessen the dependency upon copper (which still provides more than 90 per cent of all export earnings and is due to run out early next century), the amounts from the copper profits spent on rural development were negligible.

The worsening of the terms of trade, which have hit most Third World countries, have been felt more dramatically in Zambia which had more to lose. The copper market slumped. At the same time oil prices rose, and so did interest rates. Zambia turned to the IMF, which considered it a strong candidate for exemplary reform.

The first IMF package came in the late 1970s. Others followed, but each was overtaken by the worsening recession.

The biggest dose yet of the bitter monetarist medicine was administered in 1985. In return for its loan of SDR 230 million (£184 million), Zambia agreed to undertake massive devaluations, to lift restrictions on imports, to remove subsidies on food and increase the prices paid to farmers as an incentive to produce more, and to cut government spending.

For more than a year the policy was carried through with some success. IMF officials were delighted.

But the result of the auction was an effective devaluation from two kwachas to the dollar in October 1985 to more than 15 in November 1986. Inflation rocketed.

The political pressure on Dr Kaunda grew. For the first time in 23 years, he began to become unpopular with the ordinary people.

His first reaction was to juggle with personnel — he sacked the architect of the reform, Mr Luke Mwananshiku, the Finance Minister, while retaining the system. Then he tried methods of rigging the auction, but that only resulted in ratchetting up the bidding and depressing the kwacha still further. With the riots, he capitulated.

Now the trade gap, which the IMF hoped would this year be about kwacha 1.4 billion (about £13.5 billion) is, according to the Government, likely to rise to kwacha 2.2 billion. Bankers here say in reality it will probably be more than kwacha 3 billion.

"In any other situation like this, the IMF would have stopped negotiating," said another Western diplomat. "But maintaining stability in Zambia is crucial in a region where instability is endemic.

"There is plenty of Western money in the wings. About $400 million is on offer, but only on condition that an agreement is reached with the IMF," said one international banker. "The national debt is now $5 billion. As of February the country is $160 million in arrears to the IMF and that is rising at $20 million a month. It is becoming close to being unbridgeable."

Draw after sealed move

Anatoly Karpov and Andrei Sokolov drew the eighth game of their world chess eliminator in Linares, Spain, yesterday when Karpov offered a draw on the revealing of Black's sealed move, Rb*, from Sunday night.

Karpov had enjoyed a minute advantage in the rook and pawn endgame, but the outcome had widely been seen as a draw. He now leads by 5 points to 3, with one game adjourned, in the match which could go to 14 games.

White Karpov; Black Sokolov
Queen's Indian Defence

White	Black	White	Black
1 d4	Nf6	22 Rxd1	a5
2 c4	e6	23 Qxd3	Qxd3
3 Nf3	b6	24 Rxd3	d4
4 g3	Bb4	25 Nd4	Nxd4
5 Bg2	Bb7	26 Bxd4	Bxd4
6 Bxf3	Be7	27 Rxc8	Rxc8
7 Nc3	0-0	28 Rxd4	Rc3
8 e4	d5	29 b4	Rxa3
9 cxd5	Bxf1	30 bxa5	Rxa5
10 Kxf1	cxd5	31 f4	g6
11 e5	Ne4	32 Kf2	Kf8
12 Rc1	c5	33 Rd7	Ra2
13 Kg2	Nc6	34 Rb7	Rb2
14 Re1	Nxc3	35 Re7	h5
15 Bxc3	Qd7	36 Rb7	Kg8
16 Qd3	Rac8	37 Re7	Kf8
17 Bf2	h6	38 g4	Rb3
18 Qb5	Qf5	39 Kg2	Rb2
19 Bg3	cxd4	40 Kg3	Rb3
20 Rb2	Be5	41 Kf2	Rb*
21 a3	d3	Draw agreed	

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SPECTRUM 1

Pawns in the battle for peace



FIVE YEARS ON
Part 2: Deadlock and emotional diplomacy

Falkland islanders remain the victims of a political tug-of-war between Argentina and Britain over who should have sovereignty of the islands. Alan Franks on the survival options and settlement hopes

Although the comparison may seem far-fetched, the Falkland Islands have become, five years after the conflict of spring 1982, a problem no less intractable than that of Northern Ireland — with the kelpers playing the role of Loyalists to Buenos Aires' Dublin.

What then is the way forward? Argentina, under the democratic government of Señor Raoul Alfonsin, continues to press its claims for the sovereignty of "Las Malvinas", while Britain's Conservative government argues not only that the islands are a British dependency, but also that if a territory was worth the sacrifice of 258 lives, it cannot now be given to the aggressor.

The deadlock seems absolute, if absurd. As we reported yesterday, the 1,919 islanders are bitterly opposed to a deal with Argentina involving sovereignty. Yet the now democratic government in Buenos Aires believes the time is ripe for negotiation, citing the sympathetic stance of 116 member states of the United Nations.

Since the ousting of General Galtieri's military regime the Argentinian government, still clinging to its territorial claims, believes — against all available evidence on the islands — that Britain could benefit by taking advantage of this break in successive juntas.

More positively, it is arguing that despite the continued severance of diplomatic relations, some accommodation over the islands is vital for trade between the two countries. It is a view that increasingly dominates Britain's South Atlantic Council, a multi-party organization monitoring progress in the region.

One of the few islanders who would consider the possibility of living with the Argentinians is Kevin Kilmartin, who now farms 30,000 acres in Bluff Cove. "As long as they let us get on with our work here, I don't think I would object to their presence."

By comparison with the sabre-rattling rhetoric of 1982, the noises now emanating from Buenos Aires are emollient, and can be paraphrased as follows: Argentina does not now wish to threaten the islanders' way of life by plumping the community with immigrants from the mainland; if and when a transfer of sovereignty is agreed, the inhabitants would be offered rights of representation in the Buenos Aires government.

The difficulty here is that while Argentine diplomats and politicians in the capital view their country very differently from five years ago, the islanders themselves have yet to be persuaded.

Take Des King, landlord of Port Stanley's Upland Goose Hotel: "If the Argentinians wanted to come back here, our message would be very clear — 'You can stuff it.'"

Buenos Aires government officials insist there will be no repetition of the hot-headed errors of 1982. The more enlightened among them even argue that this small parcel of land, far from representing a stumbling block between the two countries, should be a stepping-stone to *rapprochement*.

All the while, interested parties in Britain such as the Falkland Islands Committee and Falkland Islands Association are studying practical ways of helping the British community. The committee was formed in 1968, in response to the fear that George Brown, then Foreign Secretary, was about to hand over the islands to Argentina. This fear has beset the islanders since 1910; and it was not allayed by a 1983 report to the Commons' Foreign Affairs Committee giving some credence to Argentine claims.

For those Britons who wish to retain the territory, an increase in the population holds the key — as Lord Shackleton has consistently suggested. But here again we run into ugly contradictions. There is no doubt that both in Port Stanley and its outback, there is space to increase the number of inhabitants. The trouble is that if immigrants are encouraged, there will not necessarily be sufficient jobs nor houses to accommodate them.

For a start, there is an acute lack of building materials on the islands; second, the dominant industry of sheep farming can absorb no sizeable increase in the labour force. If the population is to be built up, the only likely way will be through establishing a local infrastructure for the newly expanded fishing industry.

Eric Ogden, former MP and chairman of the Falkland Islands Association, concedes that an upping of the population is a vital measure towards justifying our retention of this remote terrain.

Already there are signs of such an increase; since the conflict 50 residents who departed in its wake have now returned, while another 50 have migrated from the UK. Tiny statistics admittedly, but not without their significance in a community of under 2,000.

Some estimates have put the Falklands' capacity for absorbing a new populace at 10,000. In such a large area of empty land they could no doubt drift in virtually unnoticed. But what do they do for a living when they get there?

In March 1987 both claimant nations to the Falkland Islandsare motivated as much by emotional as by practical interests, and this is where the impasse lies. For our part, we are loath to part with a fag-end piece of Empire over which so much blood and money was spilled; the Argentinians, meanwhile, still teach their children that the Malvinas remain the nation's birthright.

For this latter view many reasons are advanced — notably that Argentina is peculiarly obsessed with its claims to land. Even the most chauvinistic of its politicians would not claim that the Malvinas are needed for its economy or *Lebensraum*: there are millions of vacant acres in Patagonia alone.

In Britain, the only party at present committed unequivocally to the Fortress Falklands policy is the Conservative. Labour, for its part, is prepared to negotiate with Alfonsin on an open agenda: while the Alliance, against a direct transfer of sovereignty, is not averse to a solution involving UN trusteeship.

But for the moment Britain and Argentina remain embarked on their own divergent courses, with the islanders ever more feeling like pawns in a contest for access to Antarctica.

The Argentinians are outraged at Britain's declaration last November of the 200-mile fishing zone, claiming it contravenes the Law of the Sea Convention. Their politicians now seem like men struggling desperately to keep their anger in check.

One Argentinian intellectual summarizes the present, seemingly insoluble position, in these terms: Britain and Argentina have all the conditions for becoming friends and partners once more; it is "grotesque" to assume that our relations can return to normal while the islands' future remains excluded from the agenda; to enlist the deaths of soldiers as an obstacle to negotiation is wrong.

There is a pointed joke doing the rounds in the Argentine capital at the moment — admittedly one with considerably pre-Thatcher origins: what is the difference between a diplomat and a lady? When a diplomat says yes, he means maybe; when he says maybe, he means no; if he says no, he is not a diplomat. When a lady says no, she means maybe; when she says maybe, she means yes; if she says yes, she is not a lady.

Graham Wood



Smiling through: Kevin Kilmartin and his daughter Clare at Bluff Cove: "I wouldn't object as long as they let us get on with our work"



Under occupation: Port Stanley during the Argentinian invasion

COST OF VIGILANCE

● Past and projected expenditure on island defence.

1983-84	£624 million
1984-85	£684 million
1985-86	£552 million
1986-87	£442 million
1987-88	£292 million
1988-89	£140 million

● The steady decrease in the annual figures after 1984-85 is explained by the capital expenditure on the new airport and garrison at Mount Pleasant in the years immediately after the war.

TOMORROW

Antarctica: rich wilderness or a white elephant?

Jaffna waits in fear for attack that seems unlikely to come

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

While groups of European tourists are gradually returning to the silver southern beaches and the green central highlands of Sri Lanka, the inhabitants of the far northern Jaffna peninsula wait with trepidation for a military assault. But the assault they fear will in all probability never come.

The peninsula, separated from the mainland by a narrow neck of land, is virtually under the control of a guerrilla army fighting for an independent state for the Tamil minority, which they want to establish in the north and east of the country. They call the state "Eelam".

The Sri Lankan armed forces, largely drawn from the majority Sinhalese community — mainly Buddhist, while the Tamils are mainly Hindu — have been content to stay behind their barbed-wire fortifications for the past two years, allowing the Eelamists a virtually free hand in the peninsula.

For the past three weeks, however, a series of intense military operations has been carried out in the north.

In the middle of February, operations began in the four districts of the Northern province outside the Jaffna peninsula, but the scene of activity later moved to the peninsula itself. The Army moved out of its camps and began clearing bunkers occupied by the rebel forces, expanding its own boundaries.

After a month of activity, the armed forces now appear to have completely encircled Jaffna.

In the lull which has followed, civilians in Jaffna and other towns have been advised to move to safer areas. Leaflets have been dropped from helicopters warning the people to seek refuge in times of conflict.

This psychological conditioning has been further increased by the militants themselves, who have been laying mines and planting bamboo stakes in school yards to try to prevent helicopter landings.

But in fact it seems highly unlikely that the Government would have much to gain by seizing control of Jaffna. The Defence Ministry has denied any such intention. A senior official said the Government had more to gain by leaving the terrorists in charge. "They are quite good at hit-and-run tactics, but they are no good at administration."

In addition, the people of the peninsula have been suffering a shortage of certain essential supplies, such as fuel oil, under a government embargo. The hope was that the shortages would be blamed on the Eelamists and not on the Government. The authorities announced last night that it will now allow fuel into the peninsula, but on a rationing system.

A ministry expert pointed out that the armed forces could easily move out of the fort in Jaffna where they are established, but the present smaller-scale operations are improving the Army's ability to impede the movement of the separatists' men and material.

"The militants' positions are all pointing the wrong way — at the Fort itself," he said. "They would be no good against a naval or helicopter landing behind them."

Another official said: "We are fighting battles which we can win, small ones which keep up morale. It has a very bad effect on terrorist morale.

"The other thing is that the Indian reaction is less loud, because very few civilians are getting involved."

The Indian reaction to the military operations has been vehement in public, but privately Indian officials are said to be not unhappy at a weakening of the rebels' military confidence.

The Indian Government is anxious to get the principal militant organization — the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam — into peace talks, and realize that a militarily confident rebel group is unlikely to be prepared to talk.

The Sri Lankan Government is also claiming now that the number of surrenders by militant rebels is gradually increasing.

Police yesterday detained two men in connection with Sunday's bombing of an express train in southern India as the official death toll rose to 32 (Reuter reports from Madras).

Police in Madras said that sniffer dogs had led them from where two bombs were detonated by remote control near the train to the nearby village of Ariyalur, where the two unidentified men were held for questioning.

They put the latest confirmed death toll at 32 and said more bodies were still trapped inside the eight coaches. But unofficial tallies reported that some 60 bodies had been brought out, and one worker said: "The final figure could be more than 100."

The train, the Rockfort Express, which was heading from Tiruchchirappalli to Madras, crashed into a dry river bed in Tamil Nadu state after two bombs were detonated under a bridge as the train approached. Witnesses have said that Tamil extremist literature was found at the scene.



Mr Nicanor Yniguez, leader of the KBL, party of the former President Marcos, and a candidate for senator in the May elections, making his first campaign speech in Manila.

Vigilante gunmen banned by Aquino

Manila (Reuter) — President Aquino of the Philippines yesterday ordered the immediate disbanding of several powerful armed civilian vigilante groups in a move political analysts said risked offending the restive military.

Defence officials said that Mrs Aquino had signed an order scrapping existing groups. A second order provided for the formation of a single national police force.

The banning order includes the semi-official Civilian Home Defence Force, which has more than 70,000 members and was established under the Marcos regime.

General Fidel Ramos, the armed forces chief, has sought an expanded role for the vigilantes, who are seen by the military as key weapons in the fight against communist rebels.

A senior adviser to the President recently told journalists privately that acceptance of the vigilantes was part of a political trade-off with the Army. Elements of the military have been involved in three unsuccessful coup attempts since Mrs Aquino came to power in 1986.

The order, quoted the newly proclaimed constitution, which forbids private armies unless "recognized by duly constituted authority".

Spanish doctors on strike over pay

Madrid — Doctors at state-run hospitals in most parts of Spain went on strike here yesterday, demanding a restructuring of pay scales and changes in Health Ministry policies which they blame for a general deterioration of medical care (Harry Debelius writes).

The stoppage, which was to affect all but essential and emergency treatment, was to last for three days and resume on March 26 for another three unless there are earlier negotiations.

Torture trial

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — An Argentine court ordered the trial of a retired general and 11 other officers for alleged murder and torture during military rule, the private news agency Noticias Argentinas reported.

Children die

Bangkok (AFP) — A woman and three little girls were killed and a boy aged five critically injured when they were run over by a police vehicle chasing hawkers at a market in a suburban park.

Plea to Howe

Hong Kong (Reuter) — The Foreign Correspondents Club of Hong Kong has said it wants to meet the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, to seek the repeal of a law making the publication of false news a crime.

Disaster talks

Yaoundé (AFP) — More than 120 scientists from Japan, France, the United States and other countries began a week-long conference here on the causes of the release of toxic gas at Cameroon's Lake Nyos in August 1986 that killed 1,746 people.

Busy Premier

Tokyo (AFP) — The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, is unlikely to find time to meet President Reagan in Washington next month because of his busy political schedule, a Liberal Democratic Party official said.

Hess returns

West Berlin (Reuter) — Hitler's former deputy, Rudolf Hess, has been discharged from hospital and returned to Spandau prison here after treatment for a lung complaint.

Troubled attempts at reform in Yugoslavia

Pay freeze protests spread

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade

The Yugoslav Government's decision to introduce a wage freeze linked to productivity, which has provoked strikes in Croatia and other regions, has been criticized by industrial leaders.

The most outspoken critics are executives in the textile industry, where wages are among the lowest despite the success of many firms in exports, which earn badly needed hard currency. One Belgrade textile manager was reported to have challenged the Government's wage freeze on the grounds that productivity has not been defined in Yugoslavia and therefore it was illogical to impose limits on incomes without such a definition.

The workers' anger was aroused because the Government is implementing the legislation retroactively. At a time when the cost of living has been rising by 7 per cent each month, many workers have found their monthly wages cut by 20 to 30 per cent.

More than 10,000 workers went on strike last week in Croatia and the fear of more strikes has prompted politicians and union leaders to tour the industrial centres in an attempt to calm the workers.

The leader of the Croatian trade union attacked the Government for introducing a freeze on wages while allowing the prices of government-controlled foods to go up by as much as 30 per cent or 40 per cent this month.

The Croatian unions demanded the changes in the legislation, but the anger among workers has not been quelled.

Medical staff in Zagreb's main hospital stopped work for several days because their salaries were cut by more than 10 per cent.

Almost 40 enterprises were affected by labour protests last week, and a daily newspaper quoting several factory bosses expressed fear that the situation will not be calmed easily.

The pay freeze is likely to affect one in four enterprises in the country.

● **Mikulic snubbed:** Striking hotel workers in the Slovenian ski resort of Kranjska Gora refused to serve the Prime Minister, Mr Branko Mikulic (AP reports).

A Western diplomatic observer in Belgrade, who did not want to be identified, said he did not see a co-ordinated strike movement in Yugoslavia but sporadic local protest actions.

Fury over fund-raising intellectuals

From Our Correspondent, Belgrade

An attempt by hundreds of Yugoslav intellectuals to set up a solidarity fund to help people whose livelihoods were threatened because they expressed critical opinions has provoked a fierce official reaction.

The country's leaders have warned that the party will not hesitate to use the police against all those endeavouring to undermine the constitutional system and set up organized opposition.

The intellectuals, among them numerous journalists, including party members, initiated the solidarity fund as a means of helping journalists and other people who have suffered reprisals for their critical views. Scores of prominent intellectuals joined in and a founding meeting was scheduled to take place last month.

But the move prompted a counter-attack and the president of the Serbian Communist Party, Mr Slobodan Milosevic, in a recent speech said the party should not hesitate to use "administrative measures", even running the risk of being called "Stalinist".

Such measures, he said, should protect the basic values of Yugoslavia. He also warned the Communists who have joined the fund that leniency cannot be tolerated towards "class enemies".

In a recent press release, 15 intellectuals emphasized that the fund was started with the aim of proving that resistance to repression and arbitrary persecutions was not only necessary but possible.

The official reply in Serbia was that the solidarity fund was in fact an attempt to organize anti-Communist opposition and party members should have nothing to do with it.

In the Belgrade daily, *Politika*, 67 journalists have signed a declaration in support of the fund, and most of them have resisted pressure to withdraw, maintaining that the setting up of such a fund was a humanitarian, rather than political, act.

While the party leaders, obviously anxious to nip the dissident growth in the bud, are keeping up the pressure on critical journalists and intellectuals, in Slovenia, the most northerly and advanced republic, the press is continuing to call for liberal reforms.

In fact, a kind of loyal opposition is emerging there within the legitimate framework of official political organizations. Recently there have been petitions demanding the abolition of legislation under which people are sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for airing critical views, as well as demands that political prisoners be accorded a special status.

The authorities, however, treat political prisoners in the same way as ordinary criminals, and have so far shown no willingness to concede such demands.

Mr Dobroslav Paraga, a student from Croatia who recently described his experiences while serving a four-year jail sentence, is to face another trial for interviews he gave to Yugoslav newspapers. He was accused of hostile propaganda.

Mr Paraga last year sued the state of Croatia for damages, alleging that he suffered ill health as a result of his imprisonment. He was sentenced in 1980 to four years, which he served in various prisons in Croatia.

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SPECTRUM 2

A guide to the measures as they are announced; **Rodney Lord** examines the options

Charting the Budget changes

ECONOMIC TARGETS

Economic Growth, 1987
Last forecast: 3%
Budget forecast:

Inflation through the year
Last forecast: 3¾%
Budget forecast:

Balance of payments 1987
Previous target: -£1½bn
Budget target:

Public borrowing, 1987-88
Previous target: £7bn
Budget target:

Oil price 1987
Previously assumed $15 a barrel
Now expecting:

Money targets, 1987-88
Previously:
Sterling M3: n.a.
M0: +2% to 6%
Budget targets:
Sterling M3:
M0:
Other:

JOBS AND INDUSTRY

National insurance rates

Employees	Budget
5% £39-65 per week	
7% £65-100	
9% £100-295	

Employers	Budget
5% £39-65 per week	
7% £65-100	
9% £100-150	
10.45% Over £150	

Changes to job programmes
Community Programme
Re-start
YTS
Public spending
Privatization

BUSINESS TAXES

VAT threshold:
Neutral Budget: £21,250
Actual Budget:
Financial services tax
North Sea oil
Company car scales, 1988
Corporation tax:
Small business
Other changes

POPULAR CAPITALISM

Changes in income tax reliefs for:
Business Expansion Scheme
Employee share schemes
Profit-sharing
Personal equity plans
Stamp duty
Capital Gains Tax Threshold:
Neutral Budget £6,600pa
Actual Budget:
Inheritance Tax Threshold:
Neutral Budget £74,000
Actual Budget
Other Changes

SPENDING TAXES

Gallon of petrol:
Neutral Budget: Up 4p
Actual Budget:
20 cigarettes:
Neutral Budget: Up 3p
Actual Budget:
Pint of beer:
Neutral Budget: Up 1p
Actual Budget:
Bottle of whisky:
Neutral Budget: Up 20p
Actual Budget:
Car licence:
Neutral Budget Up £3.70
Actual Budget
Other duties
VAT changes

INCOME TAX

Allowances, 1987-88
Single person (and wife's earned income)
Neutral Budget: Up £90 To £2,425
Actual Budget: Up To
Married man
Neutral Budget: Up £140 To £3,795
Actual Budget: Up To
Threshold for 40% rate
Neutral Budget: £17,900
Actual Budget:
Threshold for 60% rate
Neutral Budget: £42,900
Actual Budget:
Top Rate
1986-87 60%
1987-88
Starting rate of tax
1986-87 29%
1987-88

PERSONAL TAX BREAKS

Age allowances
Single parent's allowance
Disabled
Charitable donations
Other covenants
Mortgages
Pensions/life assurance
Social security
Health insurance
Other reliefs/allowances

The Chancellor normally starts his speech with a tour of economic prospects. This year he should enjoy himself. Growth in 1987 is expected to be faster than last year and better balanced, though he may have to raise his inflation forecast. Watch out for news on exports which should do well if manufacturers can take full advantage of the lower pound. Good export growth will help to contain the likely deficit on the balance of payments — but forecasters' views are very mixed.

The story is less appealing on inflation and most people expect Mr Lawson to have to raise his pre-Christmas forecast of 3¾ per cent in the final quarter of this year.

The public sector borrowing requirement is a key number in the Budget arithmetic. In 1986-87 borrowing is certain to turn out much lower than the intended £7 billion. In 1987-88 the Chancellor is likely to plan for something below £7 billion, but the lower he targets borrowing the less scope for tax cuts. Anything below £5 billion would be a real surprise.

Financial *cognoscenti* will also be looking hard at what he says about monetary policy. Make a note if he abandons the sterling M3 target.

Budgets are mainly about how to raise money rather than how to spend it. But the Chancellor often takes the opportunity to announce one or two additions to the public spending plans which were set out in the Government's White Paper, which was published in January this year.

Lord Young, the Employment Secretary, announced a package of job measures earlier this year which probably won't leave much for the Budget. But there is almost certain to be a jobs theme of some kind in Mr Lawson's speech.

Other public spending initiatives could include special grants for research and development or extra spending on infrastructure projects though these are more likely to be financed within the existing plans than actually added to public spending. Mr Lawson may also alter some of the details of the privatization programme.

The rates for national insurance contributions — the "tax on jobs" — have already been set for 1987-88 but the stepped rates for the lower paid are still steep. See if Mr Lawson does anything to smooth these out. Watch out also to see if he removes the Upper Earnings Limit for employees, as for employers, which would hit the higher paid hard.

Most Budgets under this Government have contained something to foster small businesses. Any cuts which the Chancellor may make in the basic rate of income tax could be accompanied by a cut in the small companies rate of Corporation Tax.

The level of income at which businesses have to register for VAT is another matter important to small businesses. The figure for a "neutral Budget" given above adjusts the current year's limit for inflation. A draft EEC directive would allow us to increase it to £25,000, but this proposal has not yet been adopted by the Community.

Some loopholes will be closed on mainstream Corporation Tax, and the Chancellor could use the revenue recouped to cut the rate further. Concessions were made on the special tax regime applying to the North Sea oil industry in November but there is pressure for further changes to help exploration.

In the financial sector recent scandals could provide the right political background for a new tax on financial services (which do not bear VAT), but the Chancellor will be wary of adding to borrowing costs or undermining the City's international competitiveness.

Ownership equals responsibility, the Government believes, so anything which gives people a bigger stake in enterprise could find favour with the Chancellor. During the past year the Government has been discussing the pros and cons of encouraging more people to take part of their pay in the shape of a share of profits and Mr Lawson could give the idea a fair wind in the Budget by offer some tax relief on profit-related pay.

To help those who really catch the capitalist bug there may also be changes in the Business Expansion Scheme designed to concentrate capital raised under the scheme on higher risk projects.

To help turn Britain into a nation of share-owners as well as a nation of home-owners, last year Mr Lawson set up a new scheme to encourage personal shareholding, the Personal Equity Plan; he could build on it this year, or think of something new.

On capital taxation the least Mr Lawson is likely to do is increase the size of the gains you can make without being caught for Capital Gains Tax. Last year's switch to Inheritance Tax abolished tax on the majority of lifetime gifts but he might this year raise the point at which tax begins on inherited estates.

Excise duties are levied not on the price of an article but on the quantity, so the amount of tax has to be upgraded each year to keep pace with inflation.

The table shows how much extra the Chancellor needs to add to each of the main items to keep them level-pegging in real terms.

Cigarette smokers have been hit hardest in recent years (though pipe smokers have usually escaped): anything more than 3p on packet of 20 kingsize cigarettes, and they may need to go out and buy one to steady their nerves.

Mr Lawson will also invoke health reasons for introducing a tax concession on lead-free petrol which he promised to do this year in his last Budget.

Major changes to VAT coverage were ruled out for the rest of this Parliament in an earlier Budget, though the EEC wants us to tax commercial building and some less important items. Raising the rate above the present 15 per cent — such as increasing excise duties by more than inflation — would have the disadvantage of pushing up prices at a time when inflation is rising anyway.

If Mr Lawson wants to keep up his record of abolishing at least one tax in each of his Budgets he could find a candidate among some of the minor duties.

Not much doubt remains that in this election year, the heart of Mr Lawson's Budget will be income tax cuts. Personal allowances have to be indexed by law and the table shows the increases required. Any scope for tax cuts is calculated after uprating both personal allowances and excise duties for inflation.

A major question is whether Mr Lawson will take to heart his own and the Prime Minister's rhetoric about the need to bring down top tax rates further. If he does, he may also readjust the thresholds at which the various higher rates take effect. As to the basic rate the general view is that he will trim it by 2p, but Mr Lawson could have scope enough to go, in one jump, to his target of 25p in the pound, a reduction of 4p.

The Chancellor may also give the go-ahead for stronger enforcement procedures by the taxman on the lines reommended by the Keith Committee. And he is likely to give at least some indication of whether he plans to go ahead in the 1990s with the switch to transferable allowances. Under this the married man's allowance would be abolished and replaced a single allowances for everyone, transferable between husband and wife.

All eyes will be on mortgage interest relief. Before the last election the Government raised the limit by £5,000 to £30,000. The Chancellor may raise it again this time, but he might also decide to restrict the relief to the basic rate if he cuts the top rates of income tax.

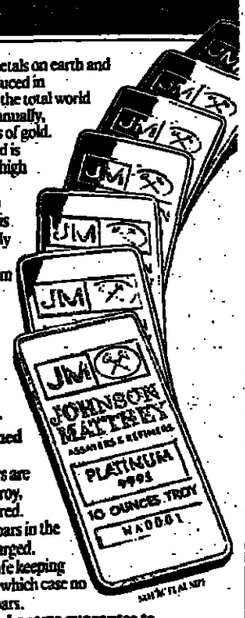
The other big tax break for savers is on pensions. The Chancellor has promised not to make any changes here without consulting first, but he does have to settle the tax regime to apply to the new personal pensions proposed in last year's Social Security Act.

The age allowances are likely to be raised in line with the increases to the main personal allowances, but that could mean either by the same percentage or, less generously, by the same sum of sum of money. The same applies to additional personal allowances.

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Return of a great beast

The wild European bison is flourishing once again in the forests of Poland



In 1921 Bartolmeus Szpakowicz, a forester-turned-poacher, earned himself a glum footnote in the annals of natural history: in the Bialowieska forest he killed the last European bison living in the wild. The majestic beasts — weighing up to 2,400 lb — had once been the trophies of Polish kings and the quarry of visiting princes and archdukes, and their salted meat made prestigious gifts to favoured foreign courts.

When Szpakowicz's bison crashed down in 1921, it seemed that its kind had finally succumbed to the ravages of war, a shrinking habitat and the poachers. But, due to the remarkable success of breeding bison in captivity, PAP, the Polish news agency, has reported that sportsmen from the West will be given the opportunity to shoot 40 of the bison in the Bieszczady wilderness. The price is estimated in US dollars — $4,000 (£3,000) a shot.

The re-established bison are protected but, in the Bieszczady mountains of Krosno province in the south-east of Poland, their numbers have risen above the 200 which scientists say is sufficient for the area. The bison are browsers, feeding on the leaves of oak, elm and willow. The bulls scar trees when rutting and churn up the ground with their horns.

Today's buoyant fortunes of the European bison (*bison bonasus*) are based on a careful breeding programme among zoos. This began with fewer than 60 animals and included the establishment of a herd book similar to those drawn up for pedigree livestock. Whipsnade and the Highland, Norfolk and Dartmoor wildlife parks are among British zoos which have bison in their collections.

John Burton, of the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, says: "I hope that the Polish government's offer to hunters will not be seen as shocking. The bison numbers can clearly bear a certain amount of culling. Possibly this has been made necessary by the decline of the wolf, which is their natural predator. It is an extraordinary success story. There are now other herds in Russia, Romania and Czechoslovakia."

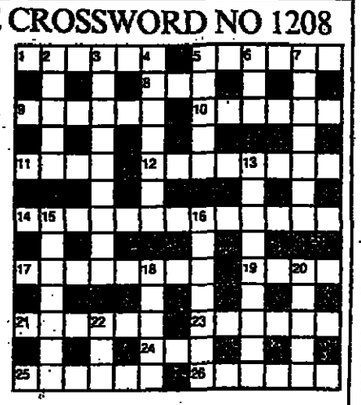
Wealthy hunters will find the forest-dwelling European bison tends to be longer-legged and less heavy-shouldered than its cousin of the North American plains and, in spite of its size, has an ability to melt away among the trees. In the beautiful Bieszczady it shares its wooded fastness with bears, wolves, lynx, wild cat and several kinds of deer.

The head and hide of the bison will be presented to the hunter who shoots it. Its meat will stay in Poland a little longer, for canning and eventual export to the West.

John A. Hill

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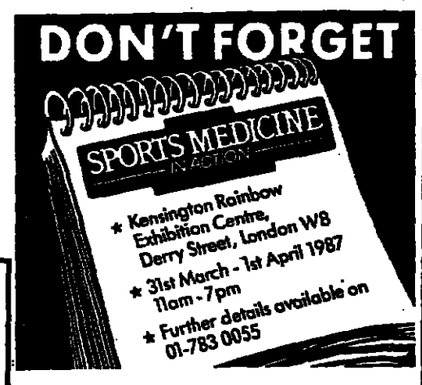
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Stephen Glass: "I'll curl your eyelashes"

Who likes January and February? Finding myself, like Edward Lear's Aged Uncle Arly, "*sometimes silent, sometimes yelling*", I headed down the A3 in filthy driving weather to Liphook and Forest Mere in Hampshire for four days of rest, relaxation, and a light diet.

Up the long drive to an elegant country house, shortly before 3pm on a Wednesday, I arrived for my consultation which would govern the time until Sunday lunch. Breakfast was in bed, followed by a couple of treatments — 8 am for a massage, a startling time of day in my life, followed by a steam bath. One sits and sweats with one's head sticking out in the equivalent of a personal kettle — there *is* a handle inside for those with claustrophobia, and also someone on hand with a timer. *Try not to remember* the scene in *Goldfinger*.

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Every day there are classes: "I don't mind if you fall asleep," said the instructor at the relaxation class. Several did. The Yoga class I found incredibly difficult — I was, as the massseuse pointed out, very, very stiff indeed, and fell over several times. Exercise I should have taken (there are some alarming machines in the gym); swimming I could have done inside or outside.

You can exercise, you can jog. In the evenings you can watch a video, or retire to your TV screen. In the intervals, I had a facial and a pedicure — beauty treatments and hair dressing are extra. After four days I felt very much refreshed and relaxed and had lost 2½lbs, though pining for bright lights and city streets. Like the evacuees from wartime London, I don't really like all that silence.

How about repairing the facade? As a house needs repainting every now and then, so does the face we bravely put on for the outside world every day. "I'm going to curl your eyelashes," said Stephen Glass, in warning as he advanced with a nasty-looking little instrument. Up on the third floor in his light white salon, confronting a cruel glass, with March sunlight streaming in, eyebrows were plucked, eyelashes curled, the face and neck cleaned, and treated with a number of delicious smelling preparations.

Eucalyptus tingled, a little phial was wonderfully cool. When Stephen Glass worked for Miss Elizabeth Arden in New York (former employees still call her Miss Arden), he often wanted to use other brands of cosmetics. He is now free to use what he thinks will suit an individual face, and has invented Light Fantastic, a priming base which is an astonishing pale lilac colour, but which lightens the face, removes dark shadows, and is spread over with a little damp sponge.

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It doesn't suit all complexions, but it worked with me. He offers good and sensible advice, and his firm, Face Facts, has been going for 11 years. The middle-aged have to work hard to look good, and the result, at the end of my session, was quite spectacular. I looked like me, but I was a work of art. The following day, my attempts to copy the artist resulted in a forgery. But for a special occasion like an appearance on television, an invitation to the wedding of a former love or a spirit raiser and object lesson, I recommend it.

For some years I have been to Joan Price's Face Place in Connaught Street, W2, for a series of facials and neck and shoulders massages, lasting an hour in a dark little womb in the basement. Relaxing it is, even during a lunch hour. Twice I have had a make-up lesson — useful and helpful, and a reminder that make up changes, and new things can look good. They sell the whole range of the cosmetics they use (Stephen Glass does not) and it's convenient that they are open two evenings a week.

A very large range of cosmetics is available from the newly refurbished Dickins and Jones, which has widened and extended the area where Norman Clare, who has just retired, used to reign. It looks beautiful, and there are a couple of small treatment rooms on the ground floor where people can be made up out of the full public glare.

Some of the more exclusive ranges are stocked (Lazlo, for example, is like a club — you either join or forget the whole thing) and they have consultants trained by each cosmetic house in the use of their beauty products. Not everything is for the fair-skinned English complexion. There are two cosmetic houses, Fashion Fair and Flori Roberts, for black skin, and Maya, for the Arab or Asian complexion. New developments in the selling of perfume (80 per cent of all perfume sales are in November) will try to persuade the Englishwoman that she can't exist without it, all year round.

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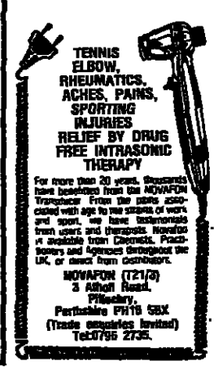
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LONDON FASHION

Skirting the issue

The focus of London fashion is the flirty skirt. But is the show still the thing asks Suzy Menkes?







Far left, **John Galliano:** High-waisted asymetrical dress with flared skirt
Left, **Vivienne Westwood:** Schoolgirl tartan pleated gymslip, above the knee, worn with fake-ermine collar and jaunty hat
Above, **Alistair Blair:** Short swingy skirt in sophisticated flecked silk
Below left, **Jasper Conran:** Delicate organza skirt with petal layers
Photographs by **HARRY KERR**

Vivienne Westwood blew a fashion raspberry to all her fans yesterday. A not-so-innocent schoolgirl, her lipstick kissed askew, lifted her Harris tweed mini skirt to reveal a pair of sober drawers. **Westwood's** show summed up the contrary spirit of the London shows, which have been both classic and kooky, wearable and weird, innocent and cheeky — and sometimes all in one show.

The skirt is the fashion story and the message is mostly a short one, for hemlines are riding high on the thigh. But the shows have been short too on creative ideas, and for both buyers and press the 300 stands at the Olympia fair offer much more than the over-blown runway presentations.

The overall mood is sweet and feminine, as skirts whirl out in skating circles, flare out above the knee or unfold in loops and drapes like the petals of a flower. The emphasis is on womanly curves, for the waistbands are rising up to lap the bosom, and jackets are rounded boleros or have pockets to focus on the hips.

"There are many different shapes of skirt but whatever they are they have to be fun," says Clare Stubbs, Director of Fashion for Harrods.

There was no single stand-out show, although **Jasper Conran**, always a good lightning conductor of current fashion, came up with all the trends. There was a new softness to his swingy jersey coats in quiet taupes and browns, to his short skirts, flat at the front but fuller at the back or draped across the legs in wispy chiffons the colour of a changing sea.

Skirts were in a whirl at **Rifat Ozbek**, who made most of his collection in jersey that was fitted tightly to the body, then unfurled at the knees in a circle or tiers of Puerto Rican ruffles. The swing and cling was worked in layers, so that a short wide jacket in ottoman rib (a favoured London fabric) swung loose over a hip-hugging dress. His colour sense was also on the button — of which there were many in military rows. The jersey outifts in aubergine with navy, or bottle green with emerald were shown with brilliantly coloured legs in saffron yellow and turquoise.

Jean Muir's classic line was elegantly updated this season by the new skirts, cut in panels to swirl just above the knee, while the more eccentric **Georgina Godley's** skirts were suspended in from an empire line waist that moulded the bust.

Significantly, all these designers presented collections in their showrooms (or in the case of Godley a lecture theatre), rather than in the tent where an exaggeratedly high catwalk and music loud enough to waken the dead seemed to bring out the worst in the best designers.

Katharine Hamnett started well with her sober, tailored nanny coats and New Look suits with fitted jackets and A-line skirts, but then reverted to hyper-sexy clothes shown on gyrating models with motorbikes as props. Denim mixed with plaid and sheepskin flying jackets from the new leather collection looked fresh. *Hamnett's silhouette* has inverted past trends so that a tight clingy sweater with positively no shoulder pads tops a swingy A-line skirt.

Most of the young London collections were not nearly enough fun. **Richmond Cornejo** looked stuck in a groove with their aggressive presentation and relentless black, although they had some good body shapes moulded out of jersey. The prints at **English Eccentrics** were strong and this collection, mixing an Edwardian silhouette, soft, filmy skirts, ethnic knits and patterned sleepwear, was young and upbeat. **Wendy Dagworthy** had one good skirt shape — a dirndl with its deep hem buttoned up into a mini. We saw it in 57 varieties of fabric. **Betty Jackson** was off-beam with her soft and mainly long silhouette, although many designers are offering long skirts as an alternative to the mini.

There is an ethnic or folk-lore feeling in many of the collections. But what is the ethnic British look? It is not **Alistair Blair's** native tartan — the theme of his show, which veered unsteadily between sophisticated Parisian tailoring, swirling plaid capes and grand evening gowns, throwing up some strong shapes and very bright colours.

Paul Costelloe's quiet Irish tweeds were jazzed up with mini dirndls and skimpy shift dresses hinting at the 1960s, a theme that was taken up with more conviction by **Caroline Charles.**



At Olympia, **Edina Ronay** and **Arabella Pollen** both caught the young British mood of classicism that means a shapely tailored jacket over a swingy short skirt. **Workers for Freedom** showed graceful, long dirndl skirts, simple, well-porportioned knits and tailored riding macs that used to be what updating classic British fashion was about. The food they served took a starring role over the clothes.

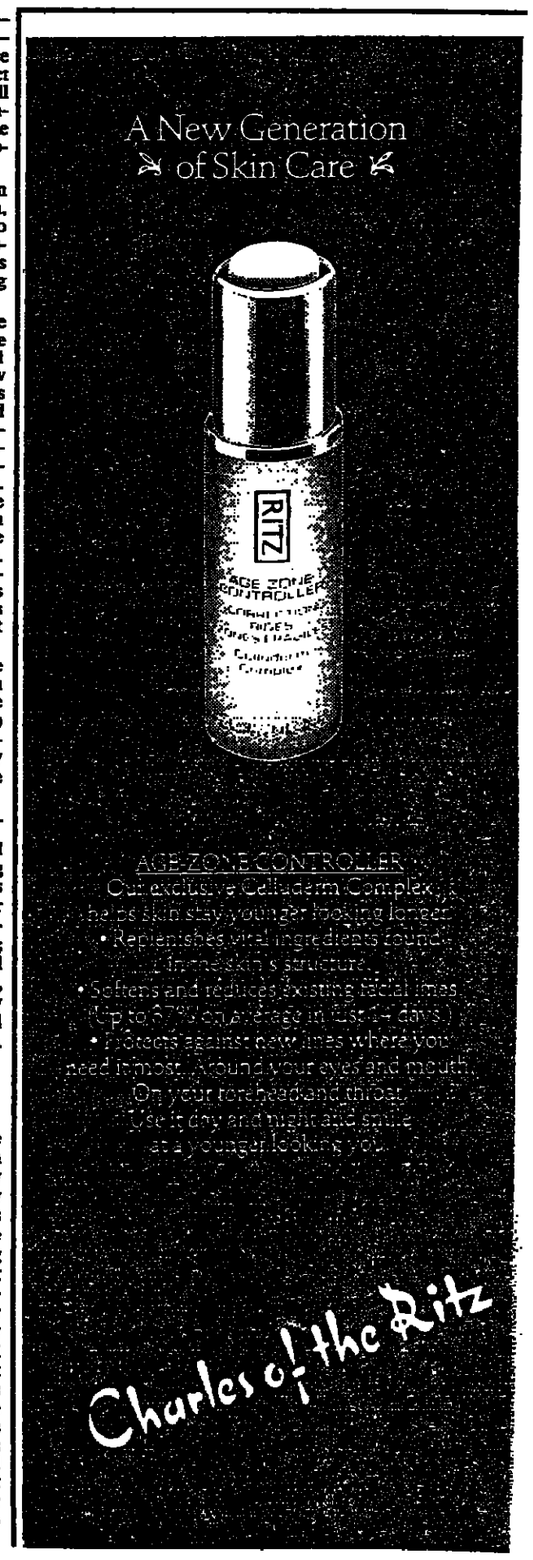
London fashion needs to face the issue of whether our quirky, original and small-scale designers are well-served by shows, however well-funded and organized, that turn fashion into show business.

John Galliano is a case in point, for he had some truly inventive and original cutting, an appealing theme of balletic clothes and some clever detailing that twisted fabric — angora jersey, silk and knit — into rosettes to give surface interest. Yet the overall effect of this show, that contained all the trends from the high-waisted skirts to the ingenue pinafores, was slightly disappointing.

American buyers have been in London in force this season, and many of them look to London not for fashion direction but for specialist skills such as knitwear and evening clothes.

It was a good season for the evening specialists. **Bruce Oldfield** gave a sophisticated show, based on a revived New Look, and used the flirty skirts in an elegant way. He reported record business, as did **Murray Arbeid**, who showed bugle-beaded and pearl-encrusted grand evening dresses. **Zandra Rhodes** made the most of her signature prints on chiffon and puffed up the hems to give the new shape. **Yuki** showed an elegant collection with quiet earthy browns for well-proportioned knits and screaming colours at night.

In commercial terms, The London Designer show, which closes tonight, has been a huge success. As one of its group organizers, Annette Worsely-Taylor, put it yesterday "There are a lot of people here spending a lot of money."



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Top of the parties?

With the bust of *William Gladstone* presiding over the party co-hosted by *Brian Walsh* of Harrods and the London Designer Collections at the Reform Club on Sunday and *Margaret Thatcher* hosting a bash at Downing Street last night, the competition was stiff as a tulle petticoat to be the top party of London's long Designer weekend. First off with the champagne was *Bruce Oldfield*, who celebrated his new show and forthcoming book by spending all Friday at fashionable Beauchamp Place eaterie, San Lorenzo.

Pearly Boy

Boy George, eager to prove himself a reformed character, turned up at the Katharine Hamnett show wearing a beret that appeared to be covered with everything he owned. The Pearly King look was achieved by pinning on badges extolling the virtues of Coca Cola. Everybody's favourite television model, Selina Scott of The Clothes Show, *looked as pretty and as chilly as an ice cream in a pastel pink spring suit.*



Back in style: Boy George

● "Fashion Cares" is the legend emblazoned across the ultimate designer T-shirt, created as the fashion industry's contribution to *International Aids Day* on April 1. The T-shirt, which sports over 50 signatures from the cream of British and international designers, will be on sale at Aids-day venues around the country including *The Party* at Wembley Arena where members of the music and fashion business join forces. Concerned retailers who will be selling the £8 T-shirt as well as pledging a percentage of their takings to the cause are *Joseph*, Sloane Street, SW1; *Jones*, Floral Street, WC2 and *Browns*, South Molton Street, W1. T-shirts are available by mail order through street-cred mags *Blitz*, *I.D.* and *The Face*.

Silent might

"It is not the clothes but the people that matter" is Joseph Ettedgui's latest philosophy on fashion. To reflect his new credo Joseph mounted his autumn collection on a still-life display of silent, brooding mannequins in a dimly lit nightclub, away from the bustle of the London Designer Show. The people certainly seemed to feel they mattered as the champagne flowed out and the black clad fashion hordes flowed in — did anyone notice the chalk stripe suits and rococo patterned sweaters over chunky knitted dirndl skirts, or were they there just to see the people that matter rather than the clothes that do not?

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THE TIMES DIARY

Ken's revenge

Kensington and Chelsea ratepayers, facing a £570,000 bill for the conversion of a derelict garage into factory units for ethnic minority workers, might be forgiven for thinking that the scheme sounds like something dreamt up by the GLC. They would be right: the Tory-controlled council has decided that although the GLC's Greater London Enterprise Board went over the top in forking out £970,000 to buy and convert the Middle Row Bus Garage in Notting Hill, it might as well go ahead with converting it into the planned units even at a cost of £500,000. Kensington and Chelsea Council is well aware that independent valuers two years ago put a price tag on the garage at less than its purchase price. "It's a disastrous consequence of the wild extravagance of the GLC," Tory councillor Robert Orme explained, admitting: "Some very strict Tories in other parts of the country might object." Union leader Clive Jenkins, who backed the original purchase, must be feeling vindicated.

Whip hand

Matthew Taylor must be thankful that he didn't make a better impression on his Liberal bosses when he started looking for a job with them. This time last year the party advertised for a research officer in its whips' office, and an enthusiastic Taylor was among the first to apply. To his disappointment the job went to another recent graduate, Peter Addison, and Taylor had to make do with a promise that if anything suitable came up he would be considered for it — hence a job with David Penhaligon, which materialized soon after. Taylor will be introduced today as the Commons' youngest MP; Addison is still at his desk in the whips' office.

● **For Taylor's introduction, the Liberals are lining him up for a photocall with David Steel, David Alton and Charles Kennedy. Each, in his time, was also burdened with the title "Youngest MP".**

Lord Bountiful

Lord Hanson, not content with putting a bomb under Imperial Group after the Hanson Trust takeover, is making sure that none of the survivors forgets who is boss. Andrew Reid, former chairman of Imperial Tobacco, and later deputy chairman of Imperial Group under Hanson, was justifiably tickled when the company presented him with a weighty package to mark his retirement. Opening it, he discovered a silver photograph frame with a photograph already in place. Beaming out from it? None other than Hanson himself.

Spellbound

A Michael Heseltine anecdote that even Julian Critchley's forthcoming biography misses: visiting the freshers' fair during his first week at Oxford, the young Heseltine, confused by the competing attractions of societies, signed up as a member of the Black Magic Club. He told me yesterday: "I was faced by the Liberals' stall and theirs. I thought the black magicians sounded more credible."

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'At least the kids won't have to be given the day off'

Jobs for pals

Those Central Office-approved Conservative parliamentary candidates still unable to win adoption by a constituency are being offered a consolation prize. The Tory vice-chairman, Tom Arnold, has written to all of them asking if they would fancy working as a senior assistant in Norman Tebbit's office in the run-up to the election. One man who was surprised at the offer is Stephen Robin. He has been working at Conservative HQ full-time, in the press office, since January.

● **Voila the latest franglais faux pas: spotted on a recent trip to Lyons, a chic sports footwear chain called Athlete's Foot.**

Ma Larial

Jean Patou, the French perfumer, may be regretting launching his latest creation, *Ma Liberté*, yesterday by impregnating 150,000 copies of the French daily *Le Quotidien* with it. Judging by the reaction of women colleagues in *The Times*' Paris office, the stunt was less than a complete success. One told me the inter-reaction of scent and newsprint reminded her less of the space between love and madness than the heady aroma of mosquito repellent. **PHS**

Robin Oakley looks at the Chancellor's prospects; Michael Surrey on a tradition in need of change

Why Lawson may never move next door

It will be camouflaged in economic theory, but everyone in politics knows that Nigel Lawson's Budget today has one overriding objective: the re-election of a Conservative government. If it succeeds, what will be his reward?

Lawson's four Budgets have done much for his party's fortunes. Even as Financial Secretary to the Treasury from 1979-81, he was the *guiding light* behind the medium-term financial strategy. Sir Geoffrey Howe, then Chancellor, used to call meetings which began without Lawson "Hamlet without the Prince". Lawson is, in truth, more Thatcherite than the Prime Minister herself.

He is well placed. Churchill, Baldwin, Chamberlain, Macmillan and Callaghan all moved on from Number Eleven to Number Ten. Yet when the question of the succession to Mrs Thatcher comes up, Lawson's name never figures around Tory dining tables.

Partly that is of his own making. You scour the interview cuttings in vain to find it on the record, but Lawson has succeeded in recent years in spreading the message that the chancellorship represents the summit of his political ambitions. The impression has been left that once he regards his task there as complete, then, like Heath's chancellor, Tony Barber, he will head off to the City to work something less than his present 18-hour day while restoring the depleted family fortunes.

A few Tories have begun to wonder if that could all be a blind and if he does secretly nourish a grander political ambition. Could he be staying above the fray, they ask, while others become front-runners and fade? Suggestions are heard that Lawson might become the next Foreign Secretary — though some Conservatives, given his combative manner, blanche at the very thought.

He is more than just Treasury Man. It was Lawson who, as Energy Secretary, built up the coal stocks which enabled the government to see off Scargill. On Cabinet committees he debates such issues as rates and state earnings-related pensions from a political viewpoint and not merely an economic one. His commitment to the wider political battle is undoubted.

Lawson is technically the best equipped chancellor since Cripps. His intellectual capacity matches that of any of his colleagues.

His first Budget in 1984 was a triumph. With little room for manoeuvre he produced something for everyone. It was ingenious and reforming. The 1985 offering, by contrast, was a grey bank-managerish effort which disappointed. He played a sterling crisis badly in 1985 and wriggled away pretending he hadn't meant it when attacked for suggesting that the hundreds of millions spent on the miners' strike was a "worthwhile investment".

But last year he was back on the tax-cutting trail. Despite more sterling problems in the autumn and a feeling that he had lost control of monetary policy, he pleased his party by finding more money for the public services. And this year, revenue-rich, he is proving that he has the most vital political attribute of all: good luck.

If it does the electoral trick, will it lift Lawson into the leadership stakes in the next parliament, leading him to postpone his City ambitions? That remains in doubt. For Lawson has never really been a politician in the full sense of the word.

He came into the Commons late after 16 years in journalism. He is no orator. He is poor on television and grumpily uncommunicative with interviewers. Above all he is living proof that while your opponents may be on the other side of the Commons, your enemies are sitting behind you.

There are patient men, there are those who do not suffer fools gladly, and there are those who take a positive delight in rending questioners, friend and foe alike, limb from limb and then grinding the pieces into the carpet. Lawson belongs to the third category.

This is a man who takes out no political insurance, who bothers to build up no deposits of affection. He will be judged and is content to be judged, purely by results. If the Tories win the election, Mrs Thatcher will owe him a major Cabinet post so long as he wants it. But Tory MPs are never likely to feel that they owe him anything.

Is the Budget necessary?

In an historical context it seems heretical to question the importance of the Budget. The general interest — from the crowded benches in the Commons to the widespread concern about the Chancellor's refreshment — reflects its constitutional significance. Looming behind the Chancellor are potent shades stretching back to the origin of the Commons in its role as granter of supply to the monarch and including Magna Carta, Ship Money, the Civil War, the Bill of Rights and the 1911 Act which finally established the Commons' supremacy over the Lords. More modern but no less powerful mystifiers are the Chancellor's purdah for weeks beforehand, the Cabinet's ignorance until the morning of The Day (and the harsh penalties for leaks) and, not least, the "Beat the Budget" shop signs.

Does the reality of the modern Budget merit all this brouhaha? Since the war it has been the occasion for most major changes in taxation and for a review of the economy's recent development and future prospects. But the strategic public expenditure decisions are announced and reviewed the previous autumn, while decisions about monetary policy, interest rates and the exchange rate are subject neither to parliamentary scrutiny nor to a predetermined timetable. Furthermore, the need (real or imagined) for "adjustments" at other times of the year was recognized in the mid-1960s by the introduction of the purchase tax regulator and, later, by increasingly frequent mini-budgets and public expenditure packages.

What remains for Budget Day is largely anomalous and in some respects positively harmful. Decisions on taxation are divorced from logically inseparable decisions on expenditure, on one hand, and from equally interdependent decisions on monetary and exchange rate policies on the other. The absurdity of altering tax rates only on a specific date in March each year becomes manifest when applied to changes in interest rates or the exchange rate.

Moreover, the importance attached to "the" Budget has led to any fiscal changes during the rest of the year being seen as black marks against indecisive chancellors rather than as sensible adjustments to a rapidly changing economic situation.

The practice in other industrial countries offers no clear lesson. In most, an annual budget concentrates, at least in principle, on expenditure rather than on revenue. But particular contexts (from federation and quinquennial financial planning in West Germany to administrative fragmentation in Italy, and with widely differing degrees of central bank autonomy) are too diverse to provide a common model.

The other aspect of the British budget — the state of the economy review — makes a good deal of sense. Without a regular pause for reflection, government week-is-a-long-time-in-politics reactions to the plethora of economic indicators and forecasts might be even more short-sighted than they already are. Whether the turn of the financial year is the best time for such a review depends on whether governments want to encourage or discourage discussion of economic policy options. Discussion at the time of the Budget is sterile discussion of a *fait accompli*.

The economic forecast published with the Budget is invariably one showing steady progress towards stated objectives — well, it would, wouldn't it? The forecast which matters — the pre-Budget one — is not for disclosure. Yet the autumn statement on public expenditure and the forecasts associated with it have clear implications for an implied fiscal adjustment in the next Budget: implications which are already the subject of a good deal of chatter.

How much better it would be to have, in the autumn, a full discussion of the economic situation and prospects together with a strategy for public spending (which ought in general not to be the vehicle for short-run policy changes); a broad statement of objectives, both final (inflation, employment, output) and intermediate (the exchange rate, monetary policy, taxation). Within that framework let changes in taxes, like other policy adjustments, be made as and when required: infrequently if the government is committed to a stable rules strategy, more frequently with a more interventionist stance.

Today, then, will produce a good deal of sound and fury, signifying nothing very much. With spending plans settled before Christmas, and with an arithmetic commitment to a level of the public sector borrowing requirement, the Budget is about the tactics of the "fiscal adjustment", not about an overall strategy for economic policy.

In the absence of more radical reform, the Budget review remains the government's main opportunity for strategic statements on the economy — thus was the birth of the late unlamented medium-term financial strategy announced in 1980, for instance. This could be retained and developed, along with the symbolic constitutional formalities.

But let us drop the tired stage turn, with the Chancellor each year pulling predictably coloured rabbits out of an old red box, and instead free governments to take fiscal action at times determined by the state of the economy, rather than by the state of the daffodils in St James's Park.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Euphemism's new standard

British Rail has announced that second-class travel is shortly to be abolished. Or rather: British Rail has announced that second-class travel is *not* shortly to be abolished. The trick lies in the words, not the travel; everything will remain exactly the same, except that second-class will be renamed "standard". The trains will still be dirty, uncomfortable and late, the food will still be disgusting and the fares will continue to go up; but second-class will be called standard, so all is well.

Shakespeare had something to say on the subject:

Second-class, second-class!
Wherefore art thou second-class?...
What's in a name? that which
we call a rose
By any other name would smell
as sweet;
So second-class would, were it
not second-class call'd,
Retain that dear perfection
which he owes
Without that title. Second-class,
doff thy name;
And for that name, which is no
part of thee,
Take all my standard.

Or words to that effect. The poison of euphemism has worked through our language into our national consciousness; I have not the smallest doubt that the man who thought this one up genuinely believes that BR travellers will think they are getting better service by riding in a standard carriage instead of a second-class one. What is more, he may be right. But even if he isn't, he will think he has done a good job.

There are many sights and sounds and ideas and events in the world that disturb us, that offend us, that we would rather not think about. There are many ways to deal with such phenomena; we can try to understand them, and thereby lessen the offence they give, or we can take steps to destroy or remove them, or we can conquer our fear or distaste of them. But what, again and again, we do in practice is none of these things; we change the name of what we dislike, and by doing so persuade ourselves that we have changed the thing itself.

Let us start with something simple; sad, but simple. We all have to die; most of us grow old before we do so. In growing old, we cannot help knowing what it is that is coming closer; yet we have a desperate need to banish the thought of it. So we first call ourselves elderly instead of old, and then, when that medicine proves not strong enough, we call ourselves Senior Citizens.

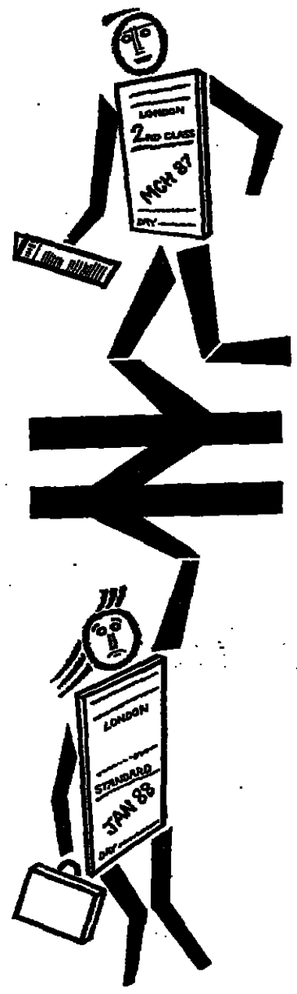
But we die nevertheless. What is more, I suspect that we die harder, in more fear, than if we learned to contemplate, calmly, the fact of death in general and our own in particular. The world we live in, though, decrees otherwise; no one shall need to face anything disagreeable, even if it is as inevitable as death.

Let us go on to something stronger. Once, we referred to people whose bodies were deformed or incomplete, whether by injury or genetics, as cripples. At some point, the word became, or was decreed to be, socially unacceptable, and such unfortunates were renamed handicapped. Further dilution was demanded, and they became disabled. More time went by, and even that proved too strong for those who decide these matters (who, incidentally, are almost never the sufferers themselves); now we must get used to the word "disadvantaged". And it is not only people, but nations: for backward begat under-developed, and under-developed begat developing, and developing begat Third World.

It is offices, too. It was a long time ago (so long that people were still permitted to laugh at such foolishness) that the ratcatcher became a rodent officer; today, I doubt if any council employee in Brent goes by a title that would be recognized without a glossary. As for the moneys given to those who are unemployed or unable to afford lodging or food, we must use no word other than "benefit". Nay, those who receive the benefits may not even call themselves poor; they are all underprivileged.

But does a man with no legs leap up and walk when he is called disadvantaged? Is there less drought and famine in the Third World than in the backward nations? Has the underprivileged man more money in his pocket than his neighbour who is poor?

All euphemisms are lies. They are lies told for a particular purpose, and that purpose is to change reality. But no man can change reality, particularly by doing no more than wave a word at it. Then why the pretence? Because reality is very often, painful, and it is the very bedrock and foundation of our world that no one should be obliged to suffer



Paula Youens

pain. Nor, the rule continues, shall anyone be obliged to suffer poverty, ill-health, disappointment, loss, bad luck, failure or an ugly face; since there is no way of avoiding all these, or for that matter any of them, we change their names, and think we have abolished them.

Naturam expellas fur — oh, all right, not again. But just as death, I believe, is very fearful for those who have refused to face it before it touches them on the shoulder, whereas it might come as a gentle visitor, or even as a friend, if they had earlier learned the wisdom of understanding it, I am not convinced that poverty is more easily borne because it is called by a prettier name; indeed I suspect that the instinctive measuring of the reality against the euphemism makes the poverty more bitter, not less.

It runs throughout our world. When it is said that the IRA has "claimed responsibility" for another murder, should we not strip the lying euphemism from what has happened, and say "admitted guilt"? The reason we should prefer the truth to the euphemism is exactly the same as the reason I have given for my other examples; the false word makes matters worse, not better, the IRA less evil, not more.

Poor British Rail, to be belaboured with such a sledgehammer when it was only offering a perfectly ordinary nut! And yet there is a principle at stake, and an important one. It is not necessary to call a spade a bloody shovel, though it does no harm to do so. But if you call it a manually-operated earth-turning agricultural implement, you have damaged more than the language.

"Things and actions are what they are, and the consequences of them will be what they will be: why then should we desire to be deceived?" Bishop Butler is not known to have been given any sensible answer to his question; but then, it was really a rhetorical question. Human beings, I have suggested, cannot bear much reality. Perhaps not; but reality can bear any number of human beings, and will do so, come what may. It was Marghanita Laski who translated "Simple inexpensive gowns for the mature fuller figure" as "Nasty cheap dresses for old fat women". No doubt the old fat women, as they donned their nasty cheap dresses, would have preferred the wording of the advertisement; but the translation told the truth, for all that, while the advertisement lied. Probably the British Rail spokesman who dreamed up "standard" for "second-class" thought he was being frightfully clever. But the standard carriages will not get us to our destinations a moment sooner than the second-class ones used to; not even, I may say, if he calls himself a spokesperson.

PS: I have just learned that the Post Office is now to call postmen "delivery officers". Have they told the dogs?

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Frank Johnson in the Commons

University of Life tackles Jenkins

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Labour) yesterday became the first member during Commons proceedings to mention Roy Jenkins' election as Chancellor of Oxford University.

The Labour and Conservative front benches were obviously anxious that this further Alliance triumph, coming so soon after Greenwich, be forgotten as quickly as possible.

The Home Secretary, who was at Trinity, Cambridge, but in his capacity as a former Visiting Fellow at Nuffield was reported to have voted for Mr Heath, withheld comment on the result and concentrated on the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Bill, second reading.

The chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, Mr Gerald Kaufman, who was at Queen's College, Oxford, did likewise.

But on the Labour benches, it was difficult for everyone to be so self-disciplined. Among MPs — especially Labour — there has always been a rivalry between Oxford and the rival establishment, the University of Life.

The rivalry tends to come out in the form of jocular, good-natured teasing of one another by the two lots of graduates, especially when Oxford and Life teams face one another in such games as politics. Oxford men tend to mock the so-called Life accents affected by many Labour backbenchers.

Many are of middle-class origin, who none the less speak in that odd way, and are suspected of putting it on in order to advance themselves in their class-conscious party.

So it was inevitable that someone on the Labour side would find an excuse to raise the Oxford election result. It was unsurprising that it turned out to be Mr Skinner, who was at Life. "On a point of order, Mr Speaker," he said, introducing the subject.

There were several things Mr Skinner wanted to say about Saturday's election but he was hampered by none of them having any connection with the House of Commons.

The problem for him was to say as many of them as possible before being ruled out of order by the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, who, though a Tory, is a fellow Life man. (They are especially hard on one another.)

Mr Skinner began by making a vague connection between the Oxford election and the House. "You are responsible for entries in the register (of members' outside interests)," he told the Speaker. "Honourable members must give the truth and nothing but the truth. I ask this as a matter of curiosity. Will there be an entry from the right Honourable Gentleman, the member for Hillhead (Mr Jenkins) as a result of the new moonlighting job he obtained at Oxford on Saturday?."

The Speaker remained silent. "I'm a little bit puzzled about the ballot at Oxford," he continued, "because it was not run on the lines that the Conservatives believe are right for trade union ballots."

At this, the Speaker interrupted: "What's this got to do with the register of electors." Realizing that his time was running out, Mr Skinner responded by changing the subject to the inconsistency between the method by which Mr Jenkins was elected on Saturday and proportional representation, the method favoured for other elections by the party of which Mr Jenkins was first leader.

"I think the Honourable Member for Hillhead will be demanding a run-off," said Mr Skinner, "since he obtained only 40 per cent of the vote. It was a bad turnout, like the House of Commons on a bad day — more like the House of Lords."

After further diversions, Mr Skinner concluded: "These people want to tell the working class how to run their own affairs, but this ballot has been the biggest cop out of all time."

Mr Skinner did spend some time at Ruskin, the trade union college at Oxford but his point of order yesterday stamped him as typical Life product — sceptical, a generalist rather than a narrow specialist, socially-assured.

The Speaker told him that it would be up to the relevant select committee whether Mr Jenkins' name went on the register as Chancellor of Oxford University but one got the impression that Mr Skinner had lost interest by then.

Mr Jenkins was not present to hear Mr Skinner being effortlessly superior about his victory.

Neither was Mr Heath, who was said to have received the votes of the socialist MAs and who was therefore the Skinner candidate in the election.

Diana Geddes sums up the first year of Chirac-Mitterrand cohabitation

Making the best of misalliance

Paris

A year ago yesterday, many French people feared political chaos and government paralysis as the general election returned a right-wing majority to parliament under a hitherto all-powerful Socialist president with two years of his seven-year mandate to run.

Who would govern France? Would President Mitterrand be forced to resign? Who would represent France's interests abroad? Would the 1958 constitution, tailor-made by General de Gaulle for his own autocratic style, be flexible enough to cope? Some spoke of violence in the streets. Few thought that what quickly became known as "cohabitation" would last.

One year on, it is sometimes hard to remember those initial fears. By and large, cohabitation has not only worked, but worked reasonably well. Although almost all real power has swung from the president to the Gaullist prime minister, Jacques Chirac, Mitterrand has not become the mere constitutional monarch some were predicting.

From the outset, he promised he would not remain "inert". With his usual consummate skill, he has retained his prestige and considerable influence. In the fields of foreign policy and defence, which Mitterrand has always considered the president's special — though not exclusive — domain, he has held sway, despite Chirac's repeated sallies.

The traditional consensus on defence and foreign policy has greatly helped France to speak with a harmonious voice over the past year. But whenever a discordant note has arisen, it has been Mitterrand's view which has predominated.

There have been subtle shifts in foreign policy since the right came to power — closer relations with Syria and Iran; slightly less antagonism toward South Africa; a return to greater emphasis on Francophone Africa in France's relations with the Third World; closer co-operation with Spain in expelling Basque refugees from France. But, as Mitterrand said last week, the broad lines have remained the same.

In domestic affairs, Mitterrand has fulfilled his pre-election promise to "allow the government to govern". In fact, he had little option. Article 20 of the constitution, hitherto blithely ignored by successive Fifth Republic presidents, states that the government "decides and carries out the policy of the nation". The president may refuse to sign government decrees, as Mitterrand has done on three occasions, but the constitution gives him no power to block legislation passed by parliament.

Mitterrand has been happy to dissociate himself from government policy, much of which has not been popular. (The latest poll shows 68 per cent of the public dissatisfied with the way the country is being governed). He has criticized, bitingly but sparingly, knowing that to intervene too frequently would only devalue the effect. At the same time, he has sought to benefit from the government's successes.

By and large, Mitterrand has done well out of cohabitation. Just before the election last March, one respected poll gave him a 46 per cent confidence rating; by October, the figure had risen to 61 per cent. Since then, he has slipped back to 51 per cent — by no means dishonourable for someone who between 1982-85 went through the longest period of unpopularity of any Fifth Republic president.

What Chirac has gained, or lost, from cohabitation is less easy to judge. Some look at his present low rating and say that by agreeing to become prime minister under a Socialist president he walked into a trap; he should have refused to have anything to do with cohabitation — like Raymond Barre, now in front of Chirac in popularity and chances of being elected the next president.

But Chirac's position was not so comfortable a year ago. At that time Barre was also seen as the darling of the right. It was not until Chirac took over as prime minister that he leapt into the leading position, and stayed there for the next eight months.

At the helm, with vastly more power than any previous prime minister under the Fifth Republic, Chirac gained in stature and credibility. Within the first nine months, no fewer than 59 laws were enacted, many introducing fundamental reforms: on privatization, electoral reform, abolition of price and exchange controls, anti-terrorist measures, easing of redundancies, tax reform and abolition of the wealth tax.

But with winter, the government's fortunes began to change. Violent student demonstrations were followed by crippling transport and electricity strikes, which in turn were followed by a period of intense cold and snow, leading to further transport disruption. The government was forced to withdraw its university reform bill and cancelled a scheduled extraordinary session of parliament to avoid further tensions over planned controversial legislation.

In January, after unexpectedly large price increases, it had to revise its 1987 inflation target upwards and its growth forecast downwards. Unemployment continued to rise inexorably; 224,000 more on the dole since the right came to power. The promised upsurge in business confidence was not materializing.

None of that had anything directly to do with cohabitation, but it was blamed. Over the past year, when things have been going well, cohabitation has been seen as a good thing; when not so well, as bad. The latest poll shows a record 53 per cent considering it a bad thing, while only 29 per cent think it good. Two thirds nevertheless believe it will continue until the presidential election in May 1988.

Mitterrand will then be 71 and has said that he will not stand for another term, but the latest polls show him as the only viable candidate on the left, running neck and neck with Barre and way ahead of Chirac.

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME

The Government must be hoping that Mr Lawson comes up with some more attractive figures this afternoon than Mr Hurd did yesterday. The Home Office crime statistics, never a pretty sight, look particularly ugly this time – despite Downing Street concern with law and order. A seven per cent rise in offences in England and Wales, to record levels in 1986, suggests a serious trend which needs reversing.

Its seriousness is to some extent debatable. The authorities have claimed that the figures reflect a rise in the level of public awareness, which has led to more crimes being reported.

One has to question whether the incidence of rape in London has risen by nearly 50 per cent – as the statistics suggest. In part this must conceal a greater readiness on the part of the victims to come forward. One might indeed interpret this as a sign of greater confidence in the police. The upward trend may also conceal an increase in the number of private telephones, of people with house insurance policies – and all the other perquisites of modern society which might encourage people to complain.

On the other hand such caveats can hardly explain away a rise from 1,690,000 offences 15 years ago to 3,847,410 last year – reportedly seven crimes a minute. One would need a pair of unusually rose-tinted spectacles to analyse the increase in such terms.

Nor can one easily discount a police detection rate which left more than two out of three crimes unsolved. This figure too is slightly misleading in that the rate for serious crime was significantly higher – up to 92 per cent for killings and 71 per cent for lesser violence, including rape. But the general impression which the public is left with is that villains far too often get away with it.

The most obvious corrective is to put more police back on the beat. The sight of a slowly perambulating constable is still a reassuring symbol for people who pass by. It might be mere public relations, but it is very good public relations and not to be lightly dismissed.

It is not, however, a complete answer. An experiment some time ago in part of Chelsea when all police were removed from the streets had no discernible effect on the crime rate. A more effective way of fighting crime is to target resources on selected areas. Mugging, for instance, is concentrated in only 12 of the 75 divisions in the Metropolitan Police area. In residential districts, the 5,000 neighbourhood watch schemes already working well in the metropolis could be extended – especially to the big council estates where the police badly need co-operation from the public.

A number of police jobs could easily be civilianized. People who have to meet exacting requirements to join the police still spend far too much time acting as social workers, court officials and clerks. Many functions have now been taken over by traffic wardens, and the principle should now be more widely applied.

Perhaps what is needed most of all is a more intense public campaign. More than one in five criminal offences involves cars, yet manufacturers still fit car locks which are hopelessly inadequate. Manufacturers protest that the quality of the locks is not what makes customers buy their cars. But if they continue to show such reluctance, the Government should impose minimum standards which would make life more difficult for car thieves.

Then it should consider similar requirements on house builders over locks on doors and windows. The cost would be a fractional addition to the house price. But the effect on house burglary could be profound – even if only the casual amateur were deterred. Meanwhile the police should be consulted more closely before housing estates are built. Their ill-fit walkways might delight the architect but not those who have to use them late at night.

Parents are still too lax about their children, both in terms of accompanying them to and from school and making sure they tread the straight and narrow. Children need discipline – not corporal, physical or even strict, but guidance and instruction. Too often they have to cope woth life without it.

There is a clear case for investing in a vigorous crime prevention campaign on the lines of those carried out against smoking, AIDS and drunken driving. Prevention is better than cure, in respect of this malaise as of any other. Yesterday's crime statistics should not be used to instil panic. But they cannot safely be ignored for another twelve months to pass.

A NON-ACADEMIC INQUIRY

It is almost a year ago that David Selbourne, a politics tutor at Ruskin College, Oxford, wrote an article in *The Times* so setting off a train of events which culminated yesterday in the Government's announcement of an independent inquiry into the college's doubtful adherence to the principles of academic freedom.

The subject of the article was not the issue. The problem for Ruskin was that by writing for this newspaper Mr Selbourne had broken a trade union and Labour Party boycott.

Ruskin does not like being called an arm of the trade union movement. Its principal, John Hughes, prefers to describe it as a "residential college established to provide liberal education to unqualified working men and women". Nonetheless, 56 of the college's governing council of 80 represent trade unions and its students regard themselves as committed trade unionists.

What happened after the article appeared is a matter of heated dispute and writs have been issued. Mr Selbourne, who is suing the college for constructive dismissal, says that his lectures and tutorials were repeatedly picketed and boycotted and he accuses the college authorities of failing to make any effective response.

The college says it has no knowledge of anyone being intimidated and denies that it failed to protect Mr Selbourne.

In an attempt to head off just such an inquiry as has now been announced, it commissioned its academic advisers (three dons with strong Labour Party links) to provide it with "guidance in general terms as to the principles on which Ruskin should base its handling of major issues of tutorial responsibility and academic freedom".

It was their eight-page report, later endorsed by the college, which was rightly condemned in the Commons yesterday by the Higher Education Minister, George Walden, as giving "insufficient basis for confidence" that the principles of academic freedom would predominate over the college's other considerations.

That is putting it politely. The document is a remarkably slippery exercise in having your cake and eating it. On the one hand it proclaims that respect for academic freedom is of primary importance: "tutors need to be free to talk, write and publish their views on academic subjects without action by the college which might be designed to change their views in any way...If other members of the college seek to put pressure upon them to keep silent or modify their views, appropriate action must be taken". So far so good.

On the other hand, students "must be free to react to what tutors say or write... Occasionally disagreement may reach a point where the college decides that no productive educational purpose can be achieved by maintaining the tutorial relationship". In other words, what happened to Mr Selbourne is understandable and even justified.

Finally, there is this gem of academic (or is it political?) time-serving: "In their day-to-day relations with other members, and their external activities of a public kind, (tutors) ought to avoid giving expression to their views in ways that *appear to others* to defame or damage the reputation of the college."

Of course, the worthy advisers (Professor A.H. Halsey, Lord McCarthy and Dr Leslie Macfarlane) are not for a moment suggesting that tutors guilty of such a crime should be disciplined in any way. Perish the thought. On the other hand, "they must expect to awaken resistance and even denunciation. They cannot expect to be popular."

That, as Mr Walden mildly put it, is not acceptable. Ruskin is publicly funded. This year it received £570,000 from the Department of Education, 52 per cent of its total budget. Government grants and bursaries to students bring that dependence up to 90 per cent.

As things stand, Ruskin's guarantee of academic freedom is not worth the eight-pages it is written on. Let us hope that Dr Sloman, who is to head the inquiry and who has guided Essex University so successfully for so long, can put matters right.

ATHENIANS AND ARCHIMANDRITES

The recent announcement by the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr Papandreou, that the state intends to expropriate lands owned by the Orthodox Church has brought a predictably adverse response from the country's church hierarchy. Tomorrow, as the draft law is debated in parliamentary committee, the bishops will meet in special session to discuss how the Church should proceed.

Their concern is twofold. First, the symbolic value of land in rural areas means that its loss will be seen as signifying a diminution of the church's authority there. Second, the clergy are concerned that the expropriation of church lands could presage further attempts to curb church influence, including the imposition of compulsory retirement for clergy at 70. This would result in the replacement of more than a third of the country's bishops.

The government's plans for the church were not, however, unexpected. The expropriation of church land was provided for in the programme of the Socialist Party (Pasok) on which Mr Papandreou came to power in 1981 and has been under discussion with church leaders since then. The fact that it has not been the subject of legislation before now may be a measure more of the government's preoccupation with more urgent matters, than of the strength of the church's opposition.

The timing of the Prime Minister's announcement has been seen in some quarters as an attempt by the government to increase its popularity at a time when its fortunes are at a particularly low ebb. It may also be regarded as a move by the government to fulfil one of its pre-election pledges at a time when its failure to fulfil another – the removal of US bases from Greece – might have been highlighted with the (now cancelled) visit to Greece of the US Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger.

The expropriation of church property, however, is not an automatic vote-catcher. Much of the land concerned is forest, which would be of little use to the peasant farmers and would probably remain with the state. Moreover the authority of the church tends to be highest in rural areas, and there can be no guarantee that what displeases the church will automatically please Greek farmers. In 1977 proposals for language reform nearly lost the then education minister his parliamentary seat when they were opposed by the church.

Generally, however, the state takeover of church lands is likely to be seen in a positive light. Even though it has failed to prevent legislation permitting civil marriage and divorce, the Orthodox hierarchy is still seen as a retarding influence on the country's economic and social development. It is also wealthy. The reallocation of some of its wealth will be seen as moving the church, and rural Greece, a little further towards the twentieth century.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long way to go for Soviet Jews

From Mr Roy Mason, MP for Barnsley Central (Labour)

Sir, On the "test of Soviet good intentions" (letters, March 10) Martin Gilbert was right to acknowledge Mr Gorbachov's new mood, but on examination of the facts it is no more than that.

Mr Gorbachov came into supreme office in March, 1985. At that time he was fully aware of the numbers of Jews who wished to leave the Soviet Union. At the end of 1985, 383,000 Jews were still awaiting a visa after relatives abroad had issued invitations to join them.

Of these there are known to us in the West 11,000 Jews who have been refused (refuseniks) and no doubt there are many more unknown to us; 8,200 of them have been waiting between five and 10 years and 1,200 for over 10 years (up to 400,000 would wish to leave if all restrictions were removed). In 1985, 1,140 were allowed to leave; in 1986, only 914, and so far this year 238. Gorbachov has virtually sealed the gates. So much for his good intentions.

Therefore, in spite of the much-heralded new era on human rights in Russia there is still vast persecution of a minority race.

Recently 140 prisoners were supposed to be released from Soviet prisons and labour camps. According to Amnesty International only 69 have been freed and it is doubtful if any have been allowed to leave Russia – having exchanged a small prison for a larger one. Therefore a few *highly* publicised cases of releases within the Soviet Union and outside have not really changed the situation. Indeed in January this year more rigorous controls were imposed on the application procedures of those Jews still yearning to leave, especially to Israel, a land of their own religion and culture.

The plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union is a prime example of the Soviets' appalling disregard for human rights. Having led an all-party parliamentary delegation to meet refuseniks I am personally aware of the situation – that is, of course, before Mr Gorbachov recently stopped two more groups from paying a visit.

If this period of Gorbachov's new detente is to be meaningful, bearing in mind the Soviets' signature is on the Declaration of Human Rights, then it is incumbent upon Mr Gorbachov and his regime to be fair and true to the Jewish race. I hope the British Prime Minister will carry this message in her portfolio to Moscow.

Yours sincerely,
ROY MASON (Vice-Chairman,
All-party Parliamentary Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewry),
House of Commons.

From Mrs Ludmilla Matthews

Sir, Recently I invited my sister, Mrs Lenina Borisovna Vasina, a resident of Moscow, to visit my family in London. I have been living in this country, with my British husband and two children, since 1969. Never in all these years has my sister had a chance to see us here.

When she applied for a short-term visa last January we were full of hope. According to a new regulation, since January 1, 1987, the Soviet authorities are obliged to answer any application for travel within a month or offer an explanation in cases of refusal.

Today we received the news that my sister's application has been refused, and the "explanation" followed:

It must be clear to you that you can meet your daughter there, and this is not desirable for the State.

My 40-year-old niece, the daughter mentioned above, lives in West Germany. She left the Soviet Union eight years ago against her parents' wishes, but with the permission of the authorities. Neither she nor her husband were involved in any unofficial political activity whatsoever. Yet her family seems to be condemned to eternal punishment because of her departure.

While any arbitrariness at all is unacceptable, I should explain further why the State's attitude is so painful in my sister's case. Our father, Boris Bibikov, a senior party official and holder of the Order of Lenin, was executed, aged 34, at the peak of Stalin's terror and posthumously rehabilitated in 1956. Our mother was sent into exile for 10 years and my sister and I (aged 12 and two) were put into an orphanage.

When the war broke out my sister, then aged 16, was mobilized and served as a radio operator in the Soviet Air Force. After the war, having worked for the Soviet State for 35 more years, she retired, as an honourable pensioner, only soon to be saddened by the death of her husband, himself a war hero who lost a leg fighting for his country. And now, on her 62nd birthday, my sister has again been subjected to a ruthless humiliation.

What contribution can a Soviet citizen be expected to make to *perestroika* if he or she is treated in such a way?

LUDMILLA MATTHEWS,
7 Alderney Street, SW1.
March 6.

Benefit of doubt

From Mr Conrad Jenkin,

Sir, When Professor Rotblat suggests (March 7) that with his latest proposals on intermediate-range nuclear forces missiles, Mr Gorbachov should be given the "benefit of the doubt", what specifically is he proposing we should do?

For example, is he suggesting that we should rely solely on trust that the Soviets would not replace their short-range intermediate nuclear forces missiles in East Germany and Czechoslovakia within a few months of withdrawing them, and do we then continue to rely solely on trust that they would never be so beastly as to threaten us with them?

In my dictionary, one of the definitions of the word "trust" is "hope", but may I suggest that in the past defence strategies based mainly on hope have been singularly ineffective.

Yours sincerely,
CONRAD JENKIN,
Knapsyard House,
West Meon, Hampshire.

Garden marketing

From Mr David Drew

Sir, In your leader, "Marketing the garden" (March 7), you refer to the "laudable regard for economic self-sufficiency" with which the board of the Royal Opera House has devised its development plans. As a member of the Royal Ballet, I can say that many of those within the theatre deplore the economic necessity to impose an office block on this unique site, and privately sympathise with the Covent Garden Community Association in its opposition to the scheme.

However, without a public or private financial initiative, we are in danger of repeating the mistake of the original plans for the National Gallery extension, which proved merely that a compromise satisfies no one.

Meanwhile, the Government has virtually no record of *capital* investment in the arts except for £1billion it has promised the British Library. Just the overspend on phase one of that enterprise would have been sufficient to finance the modernisation of facilities at Covent Garden, which all independent observers agree are essential.

Many also believe that an auditorium primarily for dance is urgently needed; bu the Lyceum could fulfil this requirement with the private finance that is already available. The piazza site would then be free to become an English "Pompidou" centre in spirit, if not architecture.

In such a scheme plans might include space for the displaced Lyceum ballroom; an underground link to the new theatre museum and additional space for its exhibits; direct access into an "inside out" Opera House committed to shedding its elitist image with the provision of a smaller auditorium as a showcase for new work.

This mixture of so-called "high" and "populist" arts would enrich London and complete the vision of those who so imaginatively restored the Covent Garden piazza.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DREW,
40 Blomfield Road,
Little Venice, W9.
March 7.

R & D in Britain

From Mr T. S. McLeod

Sir, In recent years most British industrial managers have found themselves under continual pressure to maximise short-term profits as they are the basis of a company's image in the City and consequently of its ability to attract investment, to make take-over bids and to fight them off.

The requirement that R & D (research and development) expenditure should be recorded in accounts would make possible a more accurate estimate of a company's value. This would be a step in the right direction, but an even better one would be to outlaw the form of industrial piracy known as the contested takeover bid.

Ministers acknowledge the need for public support of industrial R & D but speak of the difficulty of identifying the right projects. It could be quite easy.

A minimum percentage of turnover that should be invested in R & D for a particular type of industry could be established by matching the readily available figures of our competitors. Anything over this figure that a company spends should be directly offset against its liability for corporation tax.

Directors would then be able to authorise the expenditure that they believe is necessary without impinging upon their profit figures. The fact that a company is making profits in the harsh international market is a better guarantee that it will choose the right projects than is its ability to persuade Civil Servants to recommend them to ministers.

It would also take up less time and effort.

Yours faithfully,
T. S. McLEOD,
Little Woolgarston Cottage,
Corfe Castle, Dorset.

Simple arithmetic?

From Mr Julian Tenby

Sir, As a teacher of some years' standing, I am by now quite used to those of my colleagues who indulge in such bizarre junketings with the English language as "underachievers" and "peer groups".

I am now in the happy position that I can reassure those of my pupils who have difficulty in simple addition that help is at hand: I have been offered the chance to attend a conference which will enable me to "remediate error patterns in low-stress algorithms".

Will Mr Howard please note?

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN G. TENBY,
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Lustleigh, Newton Abbot, Devon.

Haven for the Chinese tiger

From Mr Martin Booth

Sir, It is a lamentable but accepted fact that the Chinese tiger – one of the five remaining sub-species of tiger: three are already lost – is nearing extinction. Chinese scientific sources admit to fewer than 50 animals remaining in the wild, with only a small population held in zoos. Breeding is considered to be the only means left to save the species.

The Indian tiger has been successfully and spectacularly saved by the Project Tiger organisation, which has established reserves that have not only conserved the species but also given the animal (and its survival) a high public and tourist profile, as much a point in its being saved as the provision of land.

The time has come to provide similarly for the Chinese tiger, a creature not only of scientific and aesthetic value but also of considerable historical, mythological and religious importance to the Chinese themselves.

The problem of providing a reserve lies in the heavy concentration of land usage in China, where human population pressures in all but the most remote areas make the establishment of a reserve impractical on human and economic grounds: and a reserve beyond the reach of both Chinese and foreign tourists would do little good to improve the public awareness of the animal and its plight.

However, there lies an opportunity which should not be missed. In Hong Kong there is an area of approximately 80sq kms which could with ease, minimal human disturbance, and at comparatively low cost provide an adequate and excellent reserve for the Chinese tiger, within the close proximity of tourists but not so close to human activity as to be of little value.

The area in question is already designated as a protected zone. Known as the Sai Kung East Country Park, it is a large and mountainous peninsula with a narrow, 5km "throat" which could be readily made secure with a fence, the sea providing the remaining safe boundaries. Small game abounds and more could be introduced, fresh water is plentiful and the area has wooded valleys and rocky outcrops as well as grassy areas – ideal tiger terrain.

The potential displacement of human population is tiny and less than the number displaced by the construction of any one of Hong Kong's recent big reservoir schemes.

No better way could be found to utilise uncommercial land, to provide a haven for a threatened species and present to the Chinese people, in 1997, not only the present going industrial concern of Hong Kong but also a major site towards international nature conservancy, something so far cruelly overlooked in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,
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Langport, Somerset.
March 8.

'Tunnel vision'

From Mr M. J. Southgate

Sir, Michael Chisholm claims (March 5) that the only firm plans he is aware of for European railway services through the Channel tunnel relate to London-Paris and London-Brussels. British Rail have publicly stated on many occasions that we believe that there is a strong market for passenger trains to mainland Europe originating or terminating in the West Midlands, the North-west, Yorkshire, the North-east and Scotland.

With our Continental railway partners we are indeed planning to run such services, not only to Paris and Brussels, but to and from destinations beyond these cities wherever there is demand that can be met profitably.

There will also be freight wagon and container services from freight depots and private sidings throughout the UK to major industrial destinations in mainland Europe. Indeed over 70per cent of the freight potential lies outside London and the South-east.

There is no question of public subsidy arising. On the contrary, it is clear that major use of the tunnel will be made by BR and other European railways.

Yours faithfully,
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March 5.

Bolton disaster

From Mr J. E. H. Bennett

Sir, Your On This Day column, "Cup-tie disaster" (March 11), while a grim reminder to me of the danger of being crushed to death at a football match after surviving the Normandy invasion, failed to give a balanced account of the calamity.

The crowd assembled was composed for the great part of recently demobilised service folk, keenly anxious to watch the skills of Stanley Matthews, who was playing that afternoon for Stoke City.

It was a good-humoured crowd of Lancashire people, and I saw many women and children being passed over their heads to the safety of the pitch. A minority panicked and clambered over shoulders and walked; the old and the short were at a disadvantage, but for the most part they obeyed the police wherever possible in the maelstrom crush.

The Bolton ground was badly designed, with the entrance to the popular side being contiguous with the stands and a few impatient groups, by pushing on the flank, caused the whirlpool of disaster. There was plenty of room on the opposite terraces.

There is no comparison with the hooligans of today.

I am, Sir, yours sincerely,
JOHN E. H. BENNETT,
Clonbeg,
5 Castleward Road,
Strangford,
Downpatrick, Northern Ireland.
March 12.

In the black

From Mr K. M. Taylor

Sir, How times have changed! The full page advertisement in *The Times* (March 6) and elsewhere, for the 1987 Ford Sierra states "optional black paint". A far cry from the original Ford offer, "You can have any colour so long as it's black"!

Yours faithfully,
K. M. TAYLOR,
51 Northumberland Place, W2.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 17 1841

Edmund Jones intruded into Queen Victoria's apartments at Buckingham Palace three times. He spent three months on the treadmill and was then sent to sea. He served in the navy until 1847. The Mudlark, a film made in 1950, bore some semblance to the incident

THIRD APPEARANCE OF THE BOY JONES AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The boy Jones, who on two former occasions effected such a mysterious entrance into Buckingham Palace, on Monday achieved a similar unenviable exploit. The urchin was discovered on Tuesday morning, between 1 and 3 o'clock, under the circumstances we are about to relate. Before, however, going into any detail, we must again regret that the authorities at the Home-office still consider it necessary to exclude the reporters of the public press from any inquiry connected with royalty, and thereby prevent a formal account of what transpires going before the public in which all Her Majesty's loyal subjects must feel a deep interest . . .

The boy Jones was liberated from Tothill-fields prison on Tuesday, the 2d March (yesterday fortnight), his term of imprisonment as a "rogue and vagabond" having expired. On the day previous to his liberation he was visited by Mr. Hall – or some one acting in the name of that respectable magistrate – and asked whether he (Jones) was willing to go on board a ship? The boy did not object to go on board, but we understand he wanted to make certain conditions which were not acceded to. His father was then sent for, and Jones was given into his charge, with strict directions that he should take every possible care of him, and watch his actions; at the same time the offer to send the boy aboard was renewed (and we understand it was offered in the first instance some weeks since) . . . Up to Monday last the boy's conduct was unobjectionable. Sunday last he attended a Methodist chapel twice or three times, and had frequently stated his determination to join a tee-total society. On Monday he was at home during the day, but about 8 o'clock he was missed, and nothing more heard of him until yesterday morning, when his father and mother were summoned to appear at Bow-street. Their attendance at the police-office, however, might have been dispensed with, as no examination took place there, the police being instructed to convey their prisoner to the Home-office. This was the first intimation that the boy's friends had of his having effected a third entrance into the Palace . . . the urchin himself still persists in declaring that his only object in going to the Palace was to hear the conversation of Her Majesty and Prince Albert, in order to "write a book" which, he says, must be read with great interest. He has from his infancy been fond of reading, but no one would form such an opinion from his personal appearance, which is anything but prepossessing. His countenance is exceedingly sullen, and he is very diminutive for his age, which we understand is 17 years. His father asked him several times how he had obtained admission. The only reply he was ever able to obtain was, "Oh, by the door or window." Immediately after the boy was discovered in the Palace, three months since, two extra policemen (sergeants of the A division) were appointed, whose duty it is, on alternate nights, to watch all the staircase approaches and interior of the building; and in consequence of this arrangement, Jones was so soon discovered – it is supposed shortly after he had effected his entrance. It appears, from what we have heard, that shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning, the sergeant of police on duty in the Palace imagined, as he was going along the grand hall, that he saw some one peeping through the glass doors, and which turned out to be case; for on his approaching, Jones ran against him; and, of course, was immediately secured, and at once sent off in custody to the station-house in Gardiner's-lane. It was afterwards discovered that the boy had previously visited Her Majesty's larder, as, at the time he was disturbed, he was feasting himself with cold meat and potatoes, which he had conveyed up stairs in a white handkerchief. When asked how he obtained an entrance, his reply was, the same way as before, and that he could, at any time he pleased, obtain an entrance into the Palace. We understand it is generally supposed that the fellow got over the wall on Constitution-hill, and crept through one of the windows . . .

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 16: The President of the Republic of Kenya visited The Queen this afternoon.

The Right Hon Nigel Lawson, MP (Chancellor of the Exchequer) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Project 1987, this evening gave a reception at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron, the Butler Trust, today presented the Butler Trust Awards at Lambeth Palace and afterwards was entertained at luncheon.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Trust (Hon Sir Richard Butler).

Mrs Charles Ritchie and *Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs* were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, *Colonel-in-Chief*, Royal Corps of Signals, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received the Representative Colonel Commandant (Major-General J.H. Hild).

A memorial meeting for Sir Ivan Magill will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons of England at noon today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Terence Garvey will be held at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, at 5pm today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Julian Brown will be held in the Chapel of King's College London at 5.30 today.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception held at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening to celebrate London Designer Week 1987.

Arab-British Chamber of Commerce
The Chairman of the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce, the secretary-general and chief executive and Mrs Karim Al-Mudaris and the chairman of the Lebanese section and Mrs Asseily gave a reception at the Inter-Continental Hotel last night in honour of Mr Victor Cassir, Lebanese Minister of Trade and Industry, and the visiting delegation to the exhibition "Lebanon at work, not war".

King George's Fund for Sailors
A reception to launch the book, *Royal Navy: 1,000 Years of Peace and War*, issued to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of King George's Fund for Sailors, was held in HMS President last night. The guests were received by Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, chairman of the fund, and included the Secretary of State for Defence, the First Sea Lord, the Second Sea Lord and the Controller of the Navy.

Dinners

Plumbers' Company
The Lord Mayor was a speaker at the annual dinner of the Plumbers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr G.J.W. Marsh, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Leon Hill, Upper Warden, and Vice-Admiral Sir John Lea, Renter Warden. General Sir Hugh Beach, Chief Royal Engineer, also spoke. Those present included the Bishop of Rochester, Sir Denis Rooke, Sir Robert Clark, Dame Vera Lynn and Mrs Deputy Edwina Coven.

Dinosaurs Club
Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, was the principal guest and sponsor at a dinner given by the Dinosaur Club at the House of Commons last night. Mr Donald Box, chairman, presided. Among those present were:
Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Sir Bryant Godman Irvine, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir John Peel, Sir John Langford-Holt, Sir Victor Goodhew, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport, Sir John Tilney, Mr Hugh Rees, Mr W Percy Grieve, QC, Mr Charles Simpson, Mr Denys Bullard, Mr Evelyn King, Mr Petre Crowder, QC, Mr Arthur Jones and Mr John Baldock.

Princess for China

Princess Margaret and her two children, Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Armstrong Jones, are to make an official visit to China from May 18-27, Kensington Palace announced yesterday.

Princess Margaret will then go alone to Hong Kong for an official visit between May 27-29.



Mr Ilya Glazunov, Russia's most popular contemporary painter, posing with his "Russian Beauty" at an exhibition of his work opening today at the Barbican Centre in London. His romantic style has won acclaim from the Moscow public, but stirred controversy in a conservative artistic establishment favouring social realism (Photograph: Stuart Nicol).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.H. Lawes and Miss J.D.K. Short
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr B.H. Lawes, of Duncton, Sussex, and of Mrs J.M. Hind, of Putney, London, and Julie, only daughter of Sir Noel and Lady Short, of Penshurst, Kent.

Mr A. Aaronson and Miss K.F.A. Ogilvie-White
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Aaronson, of Millfield Lane, Highgate, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Ogilvie-White, of Rotherfield Peppard, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr R. Billingham and Miss S.E. Gauntt
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Dr John and Dr Margaret Billingham, of Menlo Park, California, and Shelley, only daughter of Mr William Paul Gauntt, and Mrs Carole Gauntt, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr N.C. Bryant and Miss C. Graham-Dixon
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Graham Bryant, of Mulberry House, Wiggington, Oxfordshire, and Claudia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Graham-Dixon, of The Old School, Asthall, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.L.J. Finamore and Miss T.J. Quinton
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs L. Finamore, of Kahala Avenue, Honolulu, and Tessa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Quinton, of Rosewood, Bracken Close, Templewood Lane, Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire.

Captain G.J.S. Hayhoe and Miss C.D. Fear
The engagement is announced between John Hayhoe, Grenadier Guards, son of Captain and Mrs George Hayhoe, of Portland, Dorset, and Christina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Fear, of Hurlingham, London.

Captain N.M. Keleher and Miss W.J. McWilliams
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs J.L. Keleher, of Queen's Park, Bournemouth, and Wendy, daughter of Dr D.M. McWilliams of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Mrs J.V.M. McWilliams, of Barnes, London, SW13.

Mr M.M.L. Jackson and Miss J. Barrett
The engagement is announced between Mark Jackson, RAF, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Jackson, of Portchester, Hampshire, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Barrett, of Buckland, Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr P.J. Lewis and Miss E.A. Montagu Douglas Scott
The engagement is announced between Peregrine, son of the late Major R. Lewis and of Mrs Lewis, The Sanctuary, Morden, Surrey, and Arabella, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.H. Montagu Douglas Scott, Kirklands, Ancrum, Roxburghshire.

Mr D.A. Marsden and Miss D.R. Allen
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Marsden, of West Didsbury, Manchester, and Denise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex Allen, of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.R. Plimmer and Miss S.M. Lanham
The engagement is announced between John only son of Mr and Mrs J.W.R. Plimmer, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E.R.G. Lanham, of Rowhook, Sussex.

Mr J. Woolman and Miss S.J. Whitehouse
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Woolman, of Edinburgh, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Whitehouse, of London.

Rank Prize Funds

Mr Robin Cowen, Trustee of the Rank Prize Funds, accompanied by the Hon Mrs Cowen, presided at a dinner held last night at the Royal Society of Medicine in London to honour the recipients of Rank Prizes for Nutrition. The prizewinners are Professor N. Lifson (United States), Professor M-D. Chilton (United States), Professor J. Schell (West Germany). Professor Dr M.Van Montagu (Belgium) and Dr M. Bevan (New Zealand). Among those present were the Earl of Selborne, Chairman of the Agricultural and Food Research Council, who presented the prizes, and Professor Sir Gordon Robson, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Robson.

Memorial service

Mr P.A. Stevens
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Philip Alfred Stevens was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday. Canon John Oates officiated and Mr Colin Webb, Editor-in-Chief of the Press Association, read the lesson.

Mr Reg Evans, associate editor, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Miss Mandy Stevens, daughter, read from *Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*. Mr David Chipp gave an address. Mr Ian Yates, General Manager and Chief Executive of the Press Association, and Mrs Stevens, widow, were also present.

University news

Oxford
Sir John Burgh, aged 61, Director General of the British Council, was yesterday elected President of Trinity College, Oxford.

He will take over in the summer from Lord Quinton, president since 1978, who is resigning in September.

Latest wills

Horse breeder's £4.7m estate

The Hon Mrs David Bowlby, of Healing, Lincolnshire, racehorse trainer and daughter of the 7th Viscount Portman, left estate valued at £4,791,886 net. She left £1,500 to the Injured National Hunt Jockeys Fund, £15,000 for her staff and the remainder of the estate mostly to relatives.

Dorothy Garside, of Elland, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,031,588 net. She left £46,000 and some property to personal legatees, £10,000 to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and the residue equally between the RNLI and the Calderdale Society for Continuing Care, Elland.

Meeting

Byron Society
Lord Blake, Provost of The Queen's College, Oxford, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Byron Society held yesterday evening at the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Mr William St Clair presided and Mr Michael Foot, MP, also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Karsten Niebuhr, explorer, Ludingworth, Germany, 1733; Gottlieb Daimler, pioneer of motor-cars, Schorndorf, Germany, 1834; Kate Greenaway, illustrator, London, 1846; Margaret Bondfield, first woman Chairman of the Trades Union Congress (1923), first woman Cabinet Minister (1929-31), Chard, Somerset, 1873; R.T. (Bobby) Jones, golfer, Atlanta, Georgia, 1902.

DEATHS: Daniel Bernoulli, mathematician, Basel, 1782; Christian Doppler, physicist, Venice, 1853.

Today is the Feast of St Patrick, "Apostle of the Irish". He was born *circa* 389, possibly in Glamorgan, and is said to have died in 461.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen holds an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh presents the 1987 British Design Awards at the Business Design Centre, Upper Street, Islington Green, N10, at 11.30; and, as Honorary Life Member of the Royal Association of Dairy Farmers, will present the Prince Philip Awards for 1986 and certificates of merit for research and development in the field of dairy farming at Buckingham Palace at 2.45. Later, as Patron of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, attends a dinner at the club at 7.45.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother presents shamrock to the 1st Battalion Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks at 11.45.

The Prince of Wales dines with the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, SW1, to mark his appointment as admiral of the club, at 7.40.

The Princess of Wales attends a gala performance of the jazz ballet *Night Creature* by the London Festival Ballet, at the Hippodrome, Leicester Square, WC2, 8.30.

The Duchess of York attends a performance of *Swan Lake* by the Northern Ballet at the Theatre Royal, Bath, at 6.30.

Princess Anne rides Aldaniti over one mile at Cheltenham Racecourse, Gloucestershire, in aid of the Bob Champion Cancer Trust, at 11.55.

The Duke of Gloucester visits the Dagenham manufacturing plant of the Ford Motor Company, Essex, at 10.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Army Educational Corps, visits the Tidworth Garrison, Wiltshire, at 11.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Sunshine Coach Scheme, attends a luncheon in honour of Tesco's for its funding of 100 Sunshine coaches at the Hilton hotel, W1, at 12.

Prince Michael of Kent, as Patron of the Transport Trust, presents the awards of the Association of Railway Preservation Societies for the Best Restored Station Competition at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, at 10.45.

Birthdays today

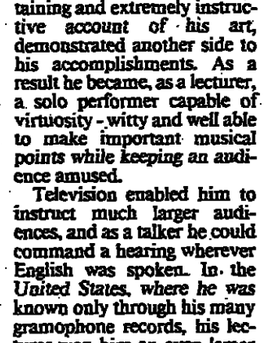
Sir Donald Barron, 66; Lady (Megan) Bull, 65; Mr Douglas Byng, 94; Vice-Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 71; the Rev J.P. Haldane-Stevenson, 77; Sir Arthur Hockaday, 61; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbiniere, 84; Mr Robin Knox-Johnston, 48; the Earl of Lauderdale, 76; Professor John Lill, 43; Mrs Penelope Lively, 54; Mr Rudolf Nureyev, 48; Sir Patrick Reilly, 78; Dr Raymond Rickett, 60; Sir Patrick Sergeant, 63; Dr David Stafford-Clark, 71.

OBITUARY

MR GERALD MOORE

Sympathetic and versatile accompanist

Mr Gerald Moore, CBE, FRCM, for many years one of the world's leading accompanists, died on March 13. He was 87.



A fine pianist in his own right, Moore was convinced that the accompanist should be regarded as an artist no less in dignity than the soloist with whom he appeared, and, by virtue of his remarkably sympathetic and versatile playing, he did more than any earlier specialist in his department of music to win recognition for a branch of the art which had previously been little regarded.

Gerald Moore was born at Watford on July 30, 1899, and by the age of eight was sufficiently accomplished to play a sonatina by Gurlitt at a local school's concert.

But he was no infant prodigy, and his mother had to drag him to the keyboard, "an unwilling, snivelling child". He later confessed: "I did not absorb music into my being until my middle twenties".

When he was 14 his parents took him to Canada, where he studied under Professor Michael Hambourg in Toronto, and in 1915 he accompanied Boris Hambourg, his teacher's cellist son, and the tenor Redfern Hollingshead in a joint recital tour of Western Canada, opening the first half of every programme with a Chopin scherzo and the second with one of Liszt's Hungarian rhapsodies.

A brief spell as a church organist and a more extended engagement as a cinema organist occupied him until his return to England in 1919, when Sir Landon Ronald heard him and advised him to specialize in accompaniment.

A concert tour with the Australian baritone Peter Dawson was his first considerable task in England, followed by an association with the more exhausting and perfectionist tenor John Coates, a musician who had as decisive an influence on Moore's style and development as the pianist Solomon, to whose musicianship and encouragement Moore later paid generous tribute.

By the mid-1920s he was appearing with all the leading English singers and instrumentalists: he became Chaliapin's first English accompanist - an association which did not develop into a long partnership - appeared frequently at the concerts of The Lieder Club and worked frequently with Elena Gerhardt.

Some years of gruelling work in which every possible engagement had to be accepted gave him a reputation so high that, in the 1930s, he began to be sought by many of the leading artists of the day.

Casals and Menuhin, Dame Maggie Teyte, Kathleen Ferrier, Elisabeth Schumann, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, Victoria de los Angeles, Alexander Kipnis, Hans Hotter, John McCormack and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau were among the singers and instrumentalists who gave memorable performances in partnership with Moore's versatile and unfailingly sensitive accompaniment.

The list alone is sufficient to indicate his mastery of the major instrumental sonata repertoire and the remarkable range of his interest in song.

In 1943 the publication of his book, *The Unashamed Accompanist*, a lively, entertaining and extremely instructive account of his art, demonstrated another side to his accomplishments. As a result he became, as a lecturer, a solo performer capable of virtuosity - witty and well able to make important musical points while keeping an audience amused.

Television enabled him to instruct much larger audiences, and as a talker he could command a hearing wherever English was spoken. In the United States, where he was known only through his many gramophone records, his lectures won him an even larger following.

His autobiography, characteristically entitled *Am I Too Loud?* (1962), demonstrated again his capacity for direct and entertaining writing, together with shrewd, yet kindly, characterization in his account of the great, and some of the less great, with whom he had worked.

After his retirement from the concert hall, a protracted withdrawal which was completed in 1967, he continued to teach, to lecture and to write.

Farewell Recital (1978) is a totally unpretentious scrapbook, the reading of which is like spending a weekend with a contented gentleman. Later works include *Furthermoore* (1983) and *Collected Memoirs* (1986). He was both mentor and patron to the Songmakers' Almanac - a group of musicians founded a decade ago.

Moore's career came at the time when the old-style celebrity recital was giving way to the song recital and to the instrumental recital which made its programme from sonatas and other works proper to the soloist and pianist concerned in it, without reference to the opera house or the orchestral concert.

If, however, Moore was lucky in the time of his arrival on the musical scene - for no pianist of quality can make the success he deserves by playing transcriptions of orchestral music - history provided only the opportunity for him to display his wide musicianship, his finished technique and his extraordinary sensitivity to a wide range of song in an equally wide range of languages.

He was the first choice of many continental singers, Victoria de los Angeles and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau among them, for concerts in their homeland. He put them at their ease so that they could give of their best.

Though his concern for the dignity of his calling could make him intransigent when it seemed to be slighted, Moore was an entirely unpompous man.

To the pianistic skills which will remain on gramophone records as evidence of his technical skill, and his feeling for the atmosphere of songs in several languages - for it is as a *Lieder* pianist that he will best be remembered - he added human sympathy and a gift for friendliness, qualities essential to the vocation he followed with distinction and devotion.

He and his wife, Enid, eventually moved out of St John's Wood - where the Lord's cricket ground near by was a constant temptation - to a cottage in the Buckinghamshire countryside. Wherever three bridge players were gathered together, Moore eagerly made a fourth.

"Enid and I live a very pleasant life here", he said. "We walk in the woods, read the papers - not always with our eyes open - potter in the garden and have dry Martinis at six o'clock. Then when we go to Salzburg we just slam the door and we're off".

PROFESSOR JOHN PHILLIPS

Professor John Phillips, FRS, much of whose research was dedicated to the effects of ageing, died suddenly on March 14. He was 53.

John Guest Phillips was born at Swansea on June 13, 1933. He was educated at Llanelli Grammar School, from where he won a scholarship to read zoology at Liverpool University.

At Liverpool, Chester-Jones was establishing comparative endocrinology as a discipline within physiology, and Phillips joined his research group in 1954.

He went to Yale for two years in 1957 on a fellowship from the Commonwealth Fund of New York (now the Harkness Fellowship). While there, he published several key papers one of which, on the role of prolactin in regulating body sodium, is a seminal citation.

Further research successes led to his joining the endocrinological research unit at Sheffield University, where he lectured from 1960 to 1962.

Then, at the age of 29, he was offered the post of head of the zoology department at Hong Kong University. He accepted without hesitation.

He remained there for five years, and held a variety of additional posts: dean of science, pro-vice-chancellor and, for a time, acting vice-chancellor.

Phillips returned in 1967 to the chair of zoology at Hull University. As was his wont, he gave of himself wholeheartedly to all sorts of varied activities, and there appeared to be no end to the organizations to which he was attached.

The Commonwealth Scholarships Commission, the Marine Biological Association, the Hull District Health Authority, the Society for Wildlife Art of the Nation and the British Society for Research on Ageing - all laid claim to his time and talents.

He served the Society for Endocrinology for more than a decade, eventually as chairman. In this capacity he was instrumental in establishing the British Endocrine Society in 1980.

In recent years Phillips became increasingly concerned with the process of ageing, particularly the hormonal and metabolic processes involved therein.

He was appointed a Wolfson professor, which gave him peace of mind to press ahead with his research in gerontology at Hull, and he did extensive investigations on the problems faced by geriatrics.

In 1985 he was appointed vice-chancellor of Loughborough University of Technology, the post he held at the time of his death.

Phillips inspired his colleagues with his enthusiasm and drive. He was possessed of an incisive intellect, enhanced by his humanity and charisma.

He married, in 1961, Jacqueline Ann Myles-White, who survives him with their two sons.

MR ADRIAN CRUFT

Mr Adrian Cruft, one of those composers whose work flowered naturally from the professional music-making that permeated his upbringing, died on February 20. He was 66.

He was born Adrian Francis Cruft on February 10, 1921, at Mitcham, Surrey. He was educated at Westminster Abbey Choir School (where he became head chorister) and Westminster School.

He went on to the Royal College of Music in 1938 as Boult Conducting Scholar, studying composition with Gordon Jacob.

Returning to the RCM after war service, he studied with Edmund Rubbra, winning the Sullivan prize in 1947, and first prize in the Royal Philharmonic Society's 1951 open competition.

From boyhood he had played the bass (which he studied with his father, Eugene), and from 1947 to 1969 he was in leading London orchestras. He appeared as guest conductor, mainly of his own music.

He was a member of the executive committee of the Composers' Guild for thirteen years - its chairman in 1966 and honorary treasurer in 1968.

As a guild delegate he visited Czechoslovakia in 1964 and Canada in 1968, and helped to found the British Music Information Centre in 1967.

Secretary of the Royal Society of Musicians from 1965 to 1970, he was, in 1981, elected a fellow of the Royal College of Music, having been a theory and composition professor there since 1962.

He was the Collard Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Musicians (1965-7), as both his composition teachers had been.

Cruft composed vocal, choral and orchestral music, and since the 1970s he had written for brass bands.

The *Duke of Cambridge Suite*, commissioned in 1982 by Kneller Hall for its 125th anniversary, was a finalist in a competition under the auspices of the Sousa Foundation.

His church music benefits from his inside knowledge of the performing context, and his wide experience of other fields of practical music-making preserves it from the parochialism which so often threatens the specialist composer of church music.

His regard for young people led to three commissioned works suitable for staging: *The Horse Trough* for juniors, for the BBC in 1974; *The Eatanswill Election* in 1978 for the Southend Boys Choir; and a three-act "operina", *Dr. Syn*, for Kent Opera in 1983.

He enjoyed travelling, and, in his quieter moments, dabbled in what he called destructive gardening.

He leaves a widow, Jocelyn Mather.

MR IVOR PREECE

Mr Ivor Preece, who played Rugby Union twelve times for England and went on to become president of Coventry and of the Warwickshire Rugby Union, has died aged 66.

It was suggested that his success as a drop goal expert contributed towards a change, in 1948, in Rugby Union scoring values when the dropped goal was reduced from four points to three.

Educated at Broad Street School, Coventry, Preece retained a life-long affection for the Broad Street old boys' club.

He was capped as a stand-off half for England between 1948 and 1951, and went with the British Lions on their 1950 tour of Australasia, when he played once against New Zealand.

A telling passer of the ball, he captained his club, his county and the Midland Counties, as well as playing for the Barbarians.

Preece was a quiet yet conscientious administrator. He was Coventry fixture secretary before becoming president of both club and county, and was still a member of the Coventry general committee at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, and son, Peter, who also played for Coventry and England, as a centre-three-quarter.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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Ezekiel 34 : 16

BIRTHS

BOGGIS - On March 14th, to Fiona (née Cocke) and Andrew, a daughter, Rosamund Deana.

BUTTERFIELD - On March 8th, to Lindsey (née Trees) and Neil, a son, Richard John, a brother for James.

CLARKE - On February 23rd 1987, at St. Thomas's, to Patricia (née Mackinnon) and Richard, a son, William Alastair Scott.

de la RUE - On February 26th, in Harare, Zimbabwe, to Merry and Anthony, a daughter.

EDWARDS - On 14th March, at Colchester, to Cerys (née Howard) and Simon, a daughter Matilda Cerys Rose, a sister for Flomoola.

ELLERBY - On March 14th 1987, to Leonora and Robert, a daughter, Henrietta Bryony Rose, a sister for William and Alice.

FANTHORPE - On March 13th 1987, at R.B.H., Aylesbury, to Sheila (née Gasson) and Anthony, a daughter, Laura Emily.

FRASER - On March 12th, at Queen Charlotte's, Hammersmith, to Astrid (née Powell) and Douglas, a daughter, Francesca Isabel.

FREEMAN On March 11th, at West London Hospital, to Melissa (née Gardner) and David, a son, George Patrick Thornton.

GOODRUM On March 13th, to Susan (née Duffy) and Clive, a daughter, Emma Jayne.

HAGAN On March 14th 1987, to Anita (née Pettersson) and David, a son (Felix Lloyd), a brother for Charles and Isabel.

IBND On March 14th, in Bahrain, to Helen (née Guest) and Stephen, a daughter, Emily.

JOHNSTON - On March 13th, to Catherine (née Harrod) and Andrew, a daughter, Katharine Mary Frances.

LAWRENCE - On March 13th 1987, to Jill (née Smith) and Kim, a daughter Sophie Louise.

MAGGS - On March 13th, to Sandra (née Higgins) and Edward, a son, Benjamin John Carroll.

PRICE - On March 12th, at Stafford, to Avon (née Moore) and Thomas, a daughter, Phyllida Meriel Joanna.

PURSER - On March 16th, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to Candida (née White) and Ian, a daughter (Emily Astrid), a sister for Alexander.

RANDALL - On February 23rd 1987, at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Dorothy and Robert, a daughter, Zoe Elizabeth Esther, a sister for Peter, Oliver and Charles.

YORKE - On March 15th, to Primrose (née Kitson) and James, a son.

DEATHS

BOURNE - On March 12th, at Civitavechia, Italy, after a short illness, while on holiday, Arthur John Lawrence, aged 76 of Heathercrue Liss near Petersfield, Hampshire. Beloved husband of Donatella and dearly loved father of Jeni. The burial was at Orvieto on March 14th.

ELSDEN - On March 13th, peacefully after a short illness, Oscar (Skipper) beloved father of Charles and Margaret and grandfather of Lucy and Bridget. All enquiries to Morris Bros, 1 Drake Rd, Tavistock. Tel 2023.

ELLIOTT- On March 15th, peacefully at home, Charles Edward Murray Elliott of Wimbledon and formerly of Peacock and Goddard, Grays Inn. Loving father of Rosalind, Anthony and Timothy. Much loved by all his Family. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Stoke d'Abernon on Friday March 20th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to FW Paine Tel 01 946 1974.

EVANS - On 12th March, Hugh Everard, at La Plagne, France. Most beloved Husband of Betty.

FINCH - On March 12th 1987, at 24, Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa, Squadron Leader Ralph Herbert Finch, husband of Joyce, father of John, Geoffrey and Valerie. Cremation private. No flowers or letters please at his request.

FREEMAN - On March 13th 1987, peacefully, Grace, of Scraptoft Lane, Leicester, wife of William, beloved mother of Nicholas, Rosemary and Barbara, and very dear grandmother of Timothy, Victoria, Charlotte, Katy, and Rupert. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Humberstone, Leicester, Wednesday March 18th at 11.30 am. Cremation following at Leicester Crematorium. All flowers and enquiries to Glass and Cutteridge, Funeral Directors of Leicester. Tel: (0533) 516117.

GADSBY - On March 14th, peacefully Sheila aged 87. Widow of Henry Gadsby and much loved mother of Shirley and Martin. Affectionately remembered by her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral St Barnabas Church, Swanmore, Hants, On Friday March 20th at 12.00 Noon.

GAPPER - On March 13th at Kingston Hospital after a stroke, Mark, aged 58, only son of Loveday, husband of Patience, father of Frances, John, Paul and Louise. Funeral Mass at St. Margaret's R.C. Church, St. Margaret's Road, Twickenham at 10.00 am on Friday March 20th, followed by burial at Richmond Cemetery and reception at St. Margaret's. We suggest family flowers only and donations, if wished to The Chest Heart and Stroke Foundation, Tavernstock House, London WC1H 9JF. Our grateful thanks to the staff of Canbury Ward, Kingston Hospital, who cared for Mark from December 31st until he died.

GELL - On March 10th, Winifred Joyce, peacefully at a nursing home in Dibden, Purlieu, Hants., late of Wimbledon. Daughter of the late Harry and Winifred Gell, of the Isle of Man. Cremation on March 18th at 1.45 pm at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium.

GILLES - On March 15th 1987, at home, Joy (née Fuller), aged 74 years, of Garlandheys, Bickleigh, Tiverton, Devon. Much loved wife of John, and mother of Stuart, Joanna, Alistair and Simon. "God bless her". Funeral service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday March 19th at 2pm. Donations please to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

GILL - On March 11th, instantly in a road accident. Dearly loved son of Joanna Gill and David Gill, brother to Henry, Oliver and Hugo. Funeral service for family and friends, at Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk, London SW3, 2.30 pm Wednesday 18th March. Flowers to Kenyons. Tel:01 834 4624.

GLAISYER - On March 12th 1987, peacefully, Ellen Barbara, daughter of the late Rev Thomas and Mrs Ada Glaisyer. Funeral service at St Julian's Parish Church, Kingston Sucl, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, on Friday March 20th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired to the Community Hospice Team or St Julian's Church, c/o HD Tribe Ltd, 40 Brunswick Rd, Shoreham, Sussex Tel 0273-462169

GORE LANGTON - On March 13th 1987, at his home Alaric Hubert St. George Gore Langton, Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy (Ret'd), beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Chandos, Grenville and Clare, and adoring grandfather of Emma, Lucy, Henry and Oliver. Funeral at St. John's, Hatch Beauchamp at 2.30pm on Friday March 20th. Flowers or donations in aid of Church Funds to E. White & Son, 138/139 East Reach, Taunton, Somerset.

HALEY - On March 16th, in Tenerife after a prolonged illness, Phillipp William Raymond Chatterton, MBE 1917-1987. Missed by his wife Catherine, daughter Philippa, son in law Martin and grandchildren Morgan and Ashley all of Vancouver Canada and by Anna and Tufan in Ankara, Turkey.

HAMMOND - On March 12th, after a long illness, Beatrix Lucia (Tessa), dear wife and good friend to John, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday March 20th at 11am. Flowers to E. Finch & Sons, 123 High Street, Aldershot.

HANCOCK - On Saturday March 14th 1987, suddenly after years of ill health, Brigadier (retired) E.H. Hancock, M.B.E. Darling husband of the late Valerie, dearest father of Lynne, Avril, Sandra and Tricia, and grandfather of Claire, and Rosemary, Jonathan and Alexandra. Funeral service at Ayano Parish Church on Wednesday March 18th, at 2.30 pm. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to Katharine House Hospice. Donations and enquiries to J & M Humphries, Albert street, Banbury. 0296 65424

HOLDER - On March 13th, peacefully in Whipps Cross Hospital, Dorothy Mary of Lockhart Lodge, Gordon Road, E4. Cremation Thursday 19th March at 10.30am in The City of London Crematorium. Flowers to D.W. Johns Funeral Directors, 108 Station Road, E4.

HOPKINS - On March 15th in Cambridge, Alice (née John) formerly of Pontypridd, dearly beloved wife of the late Brinley, mother of John, mother-in-law of Cherry and grandmother of Phillippa and Richard. Funeral at St. Andrew's Street Baptist Church, Cambridge at 3.45 pm Thursday March 19th. No flowers please but donations if desired to the British Diabetic Association (Cambridge Branch), c/o Mrs M Veness, 23 Cyprus Road, Cambridge.

JAMES - On March 16th 1987, peacefully, from cancer in hospital in Banbury, Patricia James (née Vuillamy) from Chipping Norton. Widow of the late Jimmy James, mother of Phyllida, Eleanor, Richard and Christopher. Grandmother of Simon, Tim and Jo and author of 'Population Malthus'. Funeral at Redditch Crematorium. Wores at Monday, March 23rd at 12 noon. Donations to Oxfam, or simple flowers to Edward Jarvis, Greytrians, Kings Coughton, Alcester, B49 5QF. Tel: (0789) 764651.

KILNER - On March 15th 1987, peacefully at Rotherham District General Hospital, Lt. Col. Joseph Kilner, T.D., B.D.S., L.D.S., aged 69. The beloved husband of Biddy and loving father and grandfather.

KREISKY - On March 14th, peacefully in a Nursing Home, Kurt Kreisky, aged 78, of 16 Bellmount, East Heath Road, London NW3, beloved husband of Nicole and father of Michael and Brian. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, on Thursday 19th March at 3.00pm.

MAY - ON March 15th, in a Winchester Hospital, Ruth Madeleine, formerly of Uckfield and Danehill, Sussex. Sister of Frances Talit, 14 Headbourne, Worthy House, Winchester. Funeral service at Headbourne Worthy Parish Church on Thursday March 19th at 12.00 noon. No flowers, Donations if desired to R.N.L.I. or Guide Dogs For The Blind, c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Chesil Street, Winchester.

MAYTAG - On Tuesday March 3rd 1987, unexpectedly in New York, Christopher Douglas, at the age of 30. Beloved son of Shirley Maytag King and the late Robert E. Maytag and very dear brother of Carol. Funeral and cremation were held in New York on March 6th 1987.

MCLEOD - On March 12th, Donald, peacefully in St. Helens, after a short illness, beloved husband of the late Eleanor McLeod, loved father and grandfather. Service 11.30am March 20th at St.Thomas', Ecclestone, St.Helens. Family flowers only donations if desired to U.S.P.G.

MITCHELL - On March 13th, peacefully at home in Malindi, Kenya, Nina widow of Hugh and much loved mother and grandmother. Donations if wished to Dr Barnados.

MORRISON - On March 14th 1987, peacefully at St Bartholomew's Hospital, after a long period of illness, Peter John, aged 67 years, dearly beloved husband of Anna and father of Joanna, Katie, Emma, Robert and Richard, and much loved brother of Ann. Requiem Mass on 23rd March at St Augustine's church, Haddendon, at 11am. Flowers to C Powell Funeral Service, Walton Road, Wayre, or donations to a charity if preferred.

OAKLEY - On March 15th, after a long illness, F.G. James Oakley of White Lodge, Liss, Hamoshire.

PEACOCK - On 14th March 1987, Frederick James, of Broomfield Park, Westcott, a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Friday 20th March at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 4pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North London WC1H 9JE.

PICKERING - On March 15th 1987, suddenly and peacefully at Old Quarry, High Hurstwood, Nr Uckfield, Sussex, John, aged 79, loved husband of Olga. No funeral, he left his body for research.

RAY - On March 14th peacefully at Gatwick Park Hospital, Philip Robert Norton aged 60 of Reigate. Greatly loved by all. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium Friday March 20th at 4.30 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to Chartered Surveyors Benevolent Fund may be sent to Stopeman Funeral Services, Redhill, 65456.

ROWAN - On Wednesday 11th March 1987, in his sleep, Christopher, deeply loved son of Cathy and Charles and brother of Nicholas.

STEWART OF ACHNACONE - On Saturday March 14th 1987, Brigadier Ian McAlister D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L., The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, peacefully in Oban County Hospital, after a short illness, in his 92nd year. Funeral at St Cross, Port-na-Croish, Appin, Argyll, on Monday 23rd March at 2.30 pm. Family flowers. Donations to Erskine Hospital, Bishopton, Renfrewshire or Appin Hall Fund. C/O The Post Office, Appin.

THAM - On March 15th 1987, peacefully in her sleep at her home in Cornwall, Mal Elin, aged 81 years, beloved sister, mother and grandmother. Funeral at 2.30pm on Wednesday 18th March at Ruan Minor Church. Flowers to: J V Rule & Son, Mullion, Nr Helston, Cornwall, or donations to R.N.L.I.

TRAVERS - On March 14th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Doris Heariette Ellen, aged 96 years, the devoted wife of the late Frederick Thomas Travers, and the dearly loved mother of Peter. Service and Cremation takes place on Tuesday March 24th at Vinners Park Crematorium, Maidstone, at 13.00 hours. Friends please accept this intimation.

WAKEHAM - On March 12th 1987, at home in Mylor Bridge, Cornwall formerly of Helston, after much suffering borne with courage and cheerfulness - Charles Norton, M.P.S., aged 81 years, a beloved and loving husband and father. Funeral service on Wednesday March 18th at Mylor Parish Church at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers, donations in lieu if desired for The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council to the Funeral Director Colin Matthews (S.R. Andrew) c/o Vinal Haven, Mylor Bridge, Cornwall.

WHITAKER - On March 14th, suddenly after a long illness, Jacquelin, beloved wife of the late Desmond. Donations in lieu of flowers to the R.S.P.B., Sandy, Beds.

WHITE - On March 13th, 1987, Margaret Sheila, of Halford Road, Richmond, loving wife of Theo, dear mother of Elizabeth, and darling grandmother of Victoria. Funeral service at Parish Church Of St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond, on Thursday 19th March, at 11.00 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Richmond Churches Housing Trust, 23 Hampton Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

WILLIAMSON - On March 16th 1987, at home, John Glynn much loved husband of Vera, father of Hilary and Neil and grandfather of Nicholas, Tracy and Miranda, who will be sadly missed. The funeral service will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Friday 20th March at 10am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FINLAY - A Memorial Service for, Sir Graeme Bell Finlay, Bt., Erd, will be held in the Chapel of Gray's Inn on Tuesday March 24th at 5pm.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of *emotion*. Dorothy Tutin in an NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). *Tube: Holborn. Mon-Fri* 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £4.50-£13.50, until June 6.

☆ **DECADENCE:** Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. With Linda Marlowe. Limited season, proving very popular.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinée Sat 5-8.40pm, £4.50-£10.50, until April 25.

☆ **THE EMPEROR:** The last days of Haile Selassie, adapted for the stage by Michael Hastings and Jonathan Miller.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5, until April 11.

☆ **THE HENRYS:** Michael Bogdanov's impressive *productions* of Shakespeare's Henry plays, with Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V, and John Woodvine as *Falstaff*.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. *Henry IV part 1* today 7.30-10.30pm, *Sat 10.30am-1.30pm, Henry IV part 2* Wed 2.30-5.30pm and 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 3-6pm, *Henry V* Thurs and Sat 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, £3-£10.50 (special ticket for all three plays £24), until May 2.

☆ **KATHIE AND THE HIPPOPOTAMUS:** The uses of fantasy in a travel-writer's diary. Award-winner from Edinburgh by the Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £5, until March 28.

☆ **NO WORRIES:** Spell-binding musical play for young people about Matilda, daughter of an Australian sheep-farmer, forced to move to the city. Last week.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Tues and Wed 10.30am-12.30pm, Thurs-Sat 2-4pm and 7-9pm, £2.50 *children*, £5.95 *adults*, until March 21.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter *Barkworth uses the poet's own* words to tell his story: a limited viewpoint but still effective.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8-10pm, matinee Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm, £4-£11.50, until March 21.

☆ **SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR:** Previews of Pirandello's most famous play; powerful mix of metaphysics and theatrical shocks.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.15-9.30pm, £5.50-£9.

☆ **WONDERFUL TOWN:** Marvellous Maureen Lipman in Bernstein's zippy musical. Last weeks.
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/1166/7 or 01-439 3849). Tube: Piccadilly *Circus. Mon-Sat* 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm, £6-£16, until March 28.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BOLTON: ☆ **Black Star:** New play by David Pownall about Ira Aldridge, *the first great black actor*, meeting prejudice and censorship on his Polish tour.
Octagon Theatre, Howell Croft *South* (0204 20661). *Mon-Sat* 7.30-9.45pm, £2.20-£4.50, until April 4.

BRADFORD: ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Paul Jones as Petruchio and Nichola McAuliffe as Kate in the RSC's first American musical. Tickets scarce.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street (0274 752000). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, matinée Wed 2-4.45pm and Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £4-£12.50, until March 28.

BRISTOL: ☆ **The Doctor's Dilemma:** Shaw's fun at the expense of the medics is still full of laughs even if the plot feels more like an Edwardian soap.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon-Wed 7.15-10.40pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-11.05pm, £1.70-£7.50, until March 28.

BRISTOL: ★ **The Road:** Ian Dury in Jim Cartwright's scorching account of life and sex in dead-end Britain.
New Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon-Wed 7.15-9.35pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-10.05pm, £4, until March 21.

CAMBRIDGE: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Cambridge Theatre Company returns to base with Michael Maloney playing Ibsen's feckless hero.
Arts Theatre, Peas Hill (0223 352000). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £6-£6.50, until March 28.

LANCASTER: ☆ **Salonika:** *Award-winning* play by Louise Page; age, youth and a ghost from the past meet on the once bloody battle ground.
Dukes Theatre, Moor Lane (0524 65645). Tues-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, £2.50-£4.75, until March 28.

LEEDS: ☆ **Pravda:** Philip Voss plays the colonial newspaper tycoon in a famous tale of old Fleet Street.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111). Mon and Tues 8-10.40pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-10.10pm, £4-£5.50, until April 4.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **It's a Bit Lively Outside:** *Joyce Holliday* weaves together songs and true stories to celebrate daily life in Sheffield during the Blitz.
Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£5.50, until March 28.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⧈ **Advance booking possible**

■ **CASTAWAY (15):** Lucy Irvine's tropical island adventure, filmed by Nicolas Roeg with pretty and provocative pictures, but no narrative drive. With Oliver Reed and newcomer Amanda Donohoe (116 min).
⧈ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, *cc 01-373 6990*). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
⧈ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.



At the end of *American Graffiti*, Richard Dreyfuss fled to *Canada to become a writer*. Rob Reiner's *Stand By Me* finds him as a writer in *Oregon, reminiscing about* 1959, when he and three other twelve year-old friends go on a *hike through the wilderness* in search of a dead body. *Huckleberry Finn* meets *Deliverance, in a sound and true tribute to* what Robert Lowell called "The criminal leisure of a *boy*". *It also shares a similar* sound track with *American Graffiti*, which is no bad thing.

■ **THE COLOR OF MONEY (15):** Paul Newman returns to the pool table in a belated sequel to *The Hustler*. Martin Scorsese works hard whipping up excitement as Fast Eddie Nelson tries to get back into the game, spurred by jealousy of a young protégé played by Tom Cruise (119 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.40, 8.35.
⧈ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 12.25, 3.10, 6.00, 8.55.
⧈ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.10, 8.10.

COMING UP ROSES (PG): Modest, endearing Welsh-language film *about the closure of a small town* cinema. Directed by Stephen Bayly with a touch of the old Ealing spirit (94 min).
⧈ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.

DEADLY FRIEND (18): Exuberant, *tongue-in-cheek horror romp from* the director of *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. With Kirsty Swanson as the battered daughter given a robot's *brain by a teenaged Dr* Frankenstein (90 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.40, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.
⧈ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

DUET FOR ONE (15): Julie Andrews tackles both the violin and emotional traumas in Tom Kempinski's adaptation of his famous play about a musician struck down by multiple sclerosis (107 min).
⧈ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.45.
⧈ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.
THE FANTASIST (18): Director Robin Hardy returns with another *tall story, about a woman-killer at* large in Dublin. With Moira Harris as the heroine in peril, Christopher Cazenove as a one-legged police *inspector and heaps of local colour* (94 min).
⧈ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

GOTHIC (18): Ken Russell's film starts with the stormy gathering at Byron's *Villa Diodati* which inspired Mary Godwin's Frankenstein. With Gabriel Byrne, Natasha Richardson and Julian Sands though scenes are regularly stolen by lightning, leeches, phallic armour and female automatons (87 min).
⧈ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691, *cc 01-379* 3014). Progs 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10.

THE GREEN RAY (PG): Connoisseurs of Eric Rohmer's work will recognize both actress Marie Riviere and the predicament *of her character as she labours* mightily over affairs of the heart. Winner of last year's Venice Film Festival prize (98 min).
⧈ **Chelsea Cinema** (01-351 3742). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.
⧈ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual *adventures of a black girl in* Brooklyn. Written and directed by Spike Lee (84 min).
⧈ **Gate Cinema** (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 4.30, 6.05, 7.40, 9.25.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.10, 9.20.
⧈ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15.

STAND BY ME (15): The adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959. Based on Stephen King's short novel, *The Body*, the film has a soundtrack decorated *with period* pop tunes. Directed by Rob Reiner (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). *Progs 2.10, 4.40, 6.50, 9.00.*
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.

■ **TRICK OR TREAT (18):** A dead rock star of limited talent comes back to life to avenge his critics — an endearing premise raucously developed. With Marc Price and Tony Fields; directed by the actor Charles Martin Smith (98 min).
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 4.40, 7.35.

WIVES TEN YEARS AFTER (15): Three wives assess their lives and husbands during a Christmas binge in Oslo. Sequel to the 1975 Norwegian comedy hit *Wives*, with the same cast and director — Anja Breien (88 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.



Although they have spent the last few days playing a handful of college "warm-up" dates, The Stranglers' British tour officially opens tomorrow night in Wolverhampton. While the group's line-up and stark, sinister image remain intact from their leather and lip days as one of many controversial acts to emerge from the low-life of the London punk circuit, their music has changed practically beyond recognition. The sleazy voyeurism and bald aggression that characterized their first top 10 hit "Peaches" in the summer of 1977 has been replaced on the recent albums, *Aural Sculpture* and *Dreamtime*, by a more abstract, holiday brochure romanticism, typically evinced by last year's hit, "Always The Sun". Such stylistic changes were reflected in their live show when last they toured Britain two years ago, and if anything the process is likely to be even more advanced by now. Yet for all that their records now look better on the coffee table than they sound on the turntable, there is still an indefinable tang to Hugh Cornwell's mellifluous vocals, and a beguiling magic that attends Dave Greenfield's shimmering keyboard passages. The Stranglers play tonight at Reading University (0734 860222) 8pm, £6 (sold out); Wednesday, Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0902 28482) 7pm, £5-£6 (sold out); Thursday, St George's Hall, Bradford (0274 752000) (sold out); Friday, Guildhall, Preston (0772 58858). *David Sinclair*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **SCHUBERT/SZYMANOWSKI:** Clare McFarlane plays Schubert's *Violin Sonata D 408*, Szymanowski's *Notturno e Tarantella* and Brahms's Sonata Op 108.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844). 1.05-1.50pm, £1.50.

EVENING

☆ **SINOPOLI/PHILHARMONIA:** A well-contrasted programme from the Philharmonia Orchestra under *Giuseppe Sinopoli*, with Debussy's *Prélude à l'après midi d'un faune*, Elgar's Symphony No 2 and Lalo's Cello Concerto (Matt Haimovitz, *soloist*).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30-9.35pm, £3.50-£12.

☆ **GOLDBERG EVENING:** Elizabeth Hopkins's piano recital is occupied entirely by Bach's Goldberg Variations.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30-8.50pm, £3-£5.

☆ **RAVEL/ROSSINI:** Myung Whun Chung conducts the LSO in Ravel's jazzy G major Piano Concerto (Kun Woo Paik, soloist), then adds the Pro Musica Chorus and soloists for Rossini's *Stabat Mater*.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£11.50.

☆ **MESSIAEN IN MARYLEBONE:** The first major concert of the Royal Academy of Music's Messiaen Festival has the combined Royal Academy Sinfonia and Opera Orchestra performing Debussy's *Prélude à l'après midi d'un faune, Messiaen's Chronochromie and Trois petites liturgies de la présence divine* under Nicholas Cleobury.
Royal Academy of Music, Duke's Hall, Marylebone Road, London NW1 (01-935 5461). 7.45-9.35pm, free.

DANCE

☆ **AMERICAN SUITE:** Extemporary Dance Theatre in the first London performances of works by Viola Farber and David Gordon.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's production for Northern Ballet Theatre brings out the drama.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 65065). 7.30-9.30pm, £5-£9.

☆ **SWAMP:** Michael Clark's creation for Ballet Rambert opens the new tour, on a bill also including Richard Alston's *Java*.
Theatr Clwyd, County Civic Centre, Mold (0352 55114), 8-10pm, £5-£7.

☆ **COPPELIA:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in Peter Wright's colourful production of the popular work by Delibes.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486). 7.30-9.45pm, £5-£13.

OPERA

☆ **ARIADNE AUF NAXOS:** Strauss's harlequinade in Jean-Louis Martinoty's vivacious production, has Anna Tomowa-Sintow in the title role and strong supporting performances from *Edita Gruberova as Zerbinetta and* Ann Murray as the Composer.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£40.

★ **MIKADO:** Jonathan Miller as entertainer in his white-on-white 1920s-style production of the G & S romp.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). 7.30-10.10pm, £2-£12.50.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera tour Ian Judge's witty, elegantly staged production of the G & S mock-melodrama, strongly cast and well sung.
Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (091 514 2517). 7.30-10.20pm, £5-£10.50.

☆ **DER FLIEGENDE HOLLÄNDER:** John Cox's striking industrial revolution of a *Dutchman* for Scottish Opera, with Norman Bailey and *Kathryn Harries*.
King's Theatre, Leven Street, Edinburgh (031 229 1201). 7.15-9.30pm, £3-£15.

☆ **LA BOHÈME:** Göran Järvefelt's production for Welsh National *Opera with Anne Williams-King and* Dennis O'Neill. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts.
Empire Theatre, Lime Street, *Liverpool* (051 709 1555). 7.15-10.15pm, £5-£15.

☆ *CINDERELLA: Opera 80's* handsomely staged, well-sung touring production, still going strong.
Civic Theatre, Parkgate, Darlington (0325 486555). 7.30-10.20pm, £4-£6.

ROCK

☆ **HOWARD JONES:** Despite a recent top 20 hit in America and a fair showing by last autumn's *One to One* album, the tufty-haired keyboardist seems to have lost momentum since his last British tour in 1985.
Sheffield City Hall, Barker's Pool (0742 228855), 7pm, £5-£6.

☆ *MAZE: The return of Frankie* Beverly's smooth soul sensation. Last month's Wembley Arena shows were, by all accounts, house parties of unrivalled inspiration.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775), 7pm, £6.50-£7.50, for 2 nights.

☆ *LIONEL RICHIE: An extensive* European tour for the singer who has achieved outstanding international recognition both with The Commodores and, *since 1981*, as a solo star. London dates are scheduled for May.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), 7pm, £12.50-£15.50, *also* tomorrow.

☆ **THE POGUES:** A St Patrick's *night knees-up with the gormless* Shane MacGowan and chums, previewing new material along with many of the old favourites.
Brixton Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (01-326 1022), 7.30pm, £6.50.

☆ **KODO:** *Start of a season for this* extraordinary Japanese company. With breathtaking power and precision they build walls of *polyrhythmic sound using an* arsenal of exotic, traditional percussion instruments.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30pm, £3.50-£11, until March 28.

JAZZ

☆ **MARIAN MONTGOMERY:** Stylish jazz-inflected singer, accompanied by her pianist husband, Laurie Holloway. The Iains — alias the Iain Ballamy Quartet, featuring Django Bates — share the bill.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

☆ **MASQUALERO:** The Norwegian bassist Arild Andersen leads this interesting quintet, which also includes his long-time partner, the outstanding drummer Jon Christensen.
Corner House, Heaton Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091 265 9602), 8pm, £3.50.

GALLERIES

THE PRIVATE DEGAS: The classical working procedures of the supposedly impressionist painter are explained in this splendid *collection of paintings, drawings,* pastels and sciptures.
Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street, Cambridge (0223 332900), lower galleries Tues-Sat 10-2pm, upper galleries Tues-Sat 2-5pm, all galleries Sun 2.15-5pm, free, until May 3.

SIMON LINKE: Paintings *by a* young conceptual artist based on advertisements in Art Forum, an influential American glossy art mag.
Lisson Gallery, 66-68 Bell Street, London NW1 (01-262 1539). Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, *until* April 18.

ILYA GLAZUNOV: 200 paintings by an artist who, we are told, is the most popular contemporary painter in the Soviet Union.
Concourse Gallery, Barbican *Centre, Barbican, London EC2 (01-*638 4141), Mon-Sat 11-8pm, Sun 12-8pm, free, until March 8.

KNOW YOUR PLACE: *18* contemporary artists, including Adrian Berg and Helen Chadwick, contribute works which express *their affection for a favourite place* in Britain.
Common Ground, London Ecology Centre, Shelton Street, London WC1 (01-379 3109), Tues-Sat, 11-6pm, free, until April 25.

DAVID HUGO: Small, fragile *sculptures that resemble another* planet's toys and precision instruments.
Art Space Gallery, 84 St Peter's Street, London N1 (01-359 7002), Tues-Sat 2-7pm, free, until April 8.

DAVID EDDINGTON: Recent paintings and *drawings by a young* visionary painter.
DM Gallery, 31 Dover Street, London W1 (01-491 1229), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until March 31.
BRITISH ART IN THE 20TH CENTURY: Many important works *have been gathered together for* this unrepeatable survey. Don't miss it.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, *London W1 (01-734 9052), Daily 10-*6pm, £3.75, until April 5.
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TALKS

BRINGING IT ALL BACK HOME: David Wild discusses two recent housing projects.
Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533), 6.15pm, £2.

A NATURE RESERVE OF THE **NORFOLK COAST:** Illustrated talk by John Newton for the London Wildlife Trust.
Wimbledon Community Centre, St George's Road, London SW19 (info 01-540 2408), 8pm, free.

THE EARLIEST BRITISH BOATS: Gallery talk by Veryan Heal.
National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, London SE10 (01-858 4422), 2.15pm, free on presentation of a valid museum entrance ticket.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF D. S. MIRSKY: Talk by Professor Gerry Smith.
The Pushkin Club, 46 Ladbroke *Grove, London W11* (01-603 9232), 7.30pm, £2.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON — GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: meet Embankment tube, 11.30am, £2.50.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHARLES DICKENS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

GHOSTS OF THE WEST END: meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS & OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

INNS OF COURT — ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube (ticket office), 11am, £2.

OTHER EVENTS

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: With *celebrations going on all over the* country, one of the traditional best will be at the Waterman's Arts Centre where the London Festival of Irish Culture is taking *place until* March 31. Laura Caffrey sings, young dancers perform traditional Irish dances, lively music from the Macarthy family. *Late bar.*
Waterman's Art Centre, High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (01-568 1176), 8pm-1am, free.

EARLY SPRING FLOWER SHOW: Early camelia, rhododendron, magnolia and ornamental plant competitions. RHS information stand and experts. Cafeteria.
Royal Horticulture Society's Halls, Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Today 11am-7pm, £2. Tomorrow 10am-5pm, £1.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN: Optimistic exhibition by Rock Townsend designed to show how architects can initiate and manage urban regeneration.
Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, *free, until April 15.*

RUDOLF STEINER EDUCATION — MEETING A NEED IN OUR TIME: Temporary exhibition about the curricula available in Rudolf Steiner's schools which are based on the educationalist's *understanding of child* development.
Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 3002). 10am-10pm daily, free, until March 22.

BL FILMS: Six centuries of verse — *Shakespeare (11am) metaphysics* and devotional (11am) six centuries of verse — Shakespeare (2pm).
The British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL: Booking for mailing list members opens today for programme including *Britten's The Rape of Lucretia*, Walton's *Façade*, and performances by Mieczyslaw Horszowski, Julian Bream, Murray Perahia, and Oliver Knussen. June 12-28.
Aldeburgh Foundation: High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072 885 3543/2935).

GREAT RUSSIAN MASTERPIECES: Series of concerts by London Symphony Orchestra, focusing on Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Borodin, Shostakovich, and other Russian composers. April 19-June 14.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: Booking for London Festival Orchestra's *Summer Music in Cathedrals*, with performance of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, Copland's *Quiet City*, and Handel's *Dixit Dominus*. June 9. *Bookings: Keith Prowse branches* (01-741 8989).

LAST CHANCE

CONVERSATIONS: Works by artists as different as Edward Burra and Ken Kiff are brought together to *examine similarities* and differences. Until Saturday.
Darlington Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington (0325 483271).

HELEN CHADWICK: Sculpture and photography by feminist artist.
Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. Ends Sunday (041 332 7521).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/ 638 8891. cc (Mon-Sat) 01-379 6433. Tonight 7.45. ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Myung Whun Chung cond Kun Woo Paik piano Overture Mozart 700 Le nozze Violoncello Terrad mp Keith Lewis ten Willard White bass-bar pro Rhodes Chorus.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm. PHILHARMONIA. Giuseppe Sinopoli, Matt Haimovitz. Debussy: Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune. Lalo: Cello Concerto. Elgar: Symphony No.2.

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COLISEUM 8 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tonight 7.30 The Mikado. Tomor 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATE STARTING TIME) Peri new version Nicholas Arthedes. every inch a tragic heroine" Guardian. (Standby £10 1 hr before perf) Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Swan Lake (New production). Ballet casting info. 01 240 9816.

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THE ARTS

Keeping tags on nature

Imagine a Trojan helmet exuding one of the stringier varieties of pasta, and you have a visual approximation of the nautilus — a deep-sea mollusc which owes its name

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to Aristotle and which in its mating ritual suggests a nightmare consequent on a surfeit of spaghetti vongole.

Wildlife on One (BBC1) tracked these shy creatures to their Pacific retreat, where marine biologists were busy defacing their beautiful shells with identification numbers. Some day perhaps the world's wildlife will rise in revolt against the tags and clips and radio transponders we oblige them to wear in the interests of science. In the meantime, the nautilus uncomplainingly provides an object-lesson in advanced buoyancy engineering, to a design which has served it well these 500 million years. With any luck, man might prove to be nothing more than a passing irritation.

The presenter of *Horizon* (BBC2) was exercised by the tendency of successful engineering designs to evolve into failures. In support of his thesis, he advanced a wealth of evidence — much of it alarmingly spectacular — on the way that the architects of bridges and public buildings can be hypnotized by novelty at the expense of safety. But: "the good news is that the world is full of structures that have not fallen down". Comment on the use of the word "good" in this sentence, and indicate where the word "yet" might best be inserted.

Peter McDougall's film *Shoot for the Sun* (BBC1) was a grainy, downbeat and claustrophobic essay in Edinburgh noir, which evoked a half-world of grim closes, tatty council flats and sordid pubs. The plot took second place, with Jimmy Nail and Brian Cox losing their heroin-dealing business to a rather lightweight rival gang led by the late Bill Simpson in his last screen role. Sara Clee's Vim-aided overdose seemed implausibly tranquil, but her hopeless relationship with Billy McColl was horribly authentic — not to mention cautionary. This production should have been funded by the DHSS.

Martin Cropper



Graham Wood

Frederick Forsyth at leisure in his Hampstead eyrie: at it turned out, raising the finance was "substantially more challenging than I thought it would be"

Spymaster trapped in the City

The film of Frederick Forsyth's espionage thriller *The Fourth Protocol* has its charity première in London this week — just enough of an incentive for its reclusive author to emerge for a rare interview with Douglas Keay

Personal anonymity is the way Frederick Forsyth prefers it. Except when he has a film coming out — *The Fourth Protocol* has its charity première in London on Thursday — or when he is promoting one of his novels, the 48-year-old author eschews personal publicity and rarely gives interviews. As it is, interviewers are directed not to the Forsyth residence — a fine Edwardian house surrounded by 10-foot walls in St John's Wood — but to a tree-lined avenue less than a mile away, where Freud once lived and where Forsyth has had an eyrie, as he calls it, for the past four years.

There is no name on the white card adjacent to his flat number, just the letter F. The door clicks open by remote control. The eyrie, which is really an office-cum-study, comprises one very large room. A stained-glass window on the stairway dates the house at 1887. A somewhat battered green-topped desk stands in front of a large window facing west. A small portable typewriter is on the desk. (The much older portable on which *The Day of the Jackal* was tapped out in 35 days lies in a wooden chest, buried beneath files.)

The pictures on the wall include the fighter plane that Forsyth flew during his National Service; the Biafran leader, General Ojukwu; Carrie Forsyth, the author's very attractive-looking wife (whom he married before the success of *Jackal*), with their two children, Stewart, nine, and Shane, seven. The mantelpiece is painted ivory and picked out in gold — paint, that is.

The Fourth Protocol is the third of his five thrillers to be filmed. But it is the first in which Forsyth has credits as both screenplay-writer and executive producer. Why, this time?

"Well, contrary to some reports, it wasn't because I was dissatisfied with the way my other books were turned into films. It happened because Michael Caine wanted to play the part of John Preston, the spycatcher, and I quite liked the idea of doing the screenplay. The only way this could be guaranteed was if we also found the money and produced it ourselves. We both reckoned it would be fun and challenging. As it turned out, it was substantially more challenging than I thought it would be."

They needed to raise £8 million. They began neatly by agreeing to defer payments to themselves of £1 million. This still left £7 million to be found from somewhere. As Caine was mostly out of the country, making films for other people, his partner had to do the looking. "I was totally naive. My grasp of finance is on the level of 'If I have five bananas and you have six eggs'. What's more, we took the hardest road by deciding not to go to Hollywood. Which is like climbing the north face of the Eiger, because if Hollywood is picking up a third or half of the budget you will normally get your British end of the finance.

"For some reason, against all logic, the City of London feels Hollywood knows what it's talking about. The fact that Hollywood proves on a daily basis that it hasn't the faintest idea what it's talking about is totally irrelevant. The City assumes Hollywood always picks winners, when we know it rarely does — though it turns down a lot of winners."

For six weary months Forsyth trailed round merchant banks looking for backers, and waiting for answers. He soon discovered that investing in a film was far down the list of financiers' priorities. "I would get remarks like 'I never go to the pictures myself, so I wouldn't know much about them' — and that from a guy who was head of the film division of a large financial house!"

Unfortunately, Forsyth had chosen the very year, 1985, when the British film industry was going through a particularly rough time. Goldcrest, with *Revolution* and *Absolute Beginners*, was turning out gigantic flops, and Thorn/EMI was also in the throes of financial crisis. "So there I was, in the worst city for film finance in the world, taking the hardest route." Did he not feel like giving up? "Several times. And I probably would have, but for my wife. I would come home very dejected, and after she'd heard my tale of woe she'd say 'Look, you've been sitting in that eyrie of yours all these years and you don't know what the real world's about. People wait three, sometimes four years to get a film off the ground'."

Eventually the good fairy did appear, in the form of Wafic Said, a financier of Arabic origin and a resident of Britain for 25 years. He simply said he loved the book and was prepared to back his judgement. He would put up half the film's budget — £3½ million — and become the third executive producer, along with Caine and Forsyth.

It took another six months to raise the other half. Two and a half million was finally promised by two investors, leaving Forsyth just one million short. "Then Rank Film Distributors contacted me. They asked to see the script, and within 48 hours said they wanted in for £2¼ million, which left me in the invidious position of ousting the two investors who had thought they were doing me an incredible favour."

Even then, the problems were not over. While the lawyers nit-picked over contracts, the thaw in Finland, which waits for no man, grew ever closer. Instead of having three months to prepare the snow scenes (the Arctic substituting for the Russian wastes), the producer Timothy Burrill and the director John Mackenzie had just eight weeks. "We filmed with clouds of snow falling from the trees. In some scenes we had to spray them with polystyrene foam."

After that, filming in Milton Keynes was almost like making home movies. Permission was even given for filming outside the Cabinet Office. "Apparently Mrs Thatcher liked the book." But would Forsyth go through the whole process of setting up a film again? He gives a hollow laugh. "I'm going to keep my options very open on that", he replies.

If *The Fourth Protocol* turns out to be a very big-box office success, Caine and Forsyth can expect to pick up their deferred payments, and more. Both are already multi-millionaires, but both men find it hard to stop working. Caine makes at least three or four films a year, and Forsyth — who swore after finishing three books in 40 months he would not write another — has the idea for a sixth novel "simmering on the back burner".

Heavy weather

CONCERTS

LSO/ Whun Chung
Barbican

Some musicians are a hard act to follow. The cancellation by Martha Argerich of her two concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra this week has presented an unenviable problem to the management, faced with the task of replacing a pianist of such rare calibre and temperament. For this performance of Chopin's First Piano Concerto her place was taken by Fou Ts'ong, a Chopin specialist but on this evidence a far from effortless stylist. The surprising way in which this pianist labours over passages of only moderate difficulty in the concerto vitiates the close feeling that he clearly has for its special character.

By the middle of the first movement the course of his performance was clear. The hushed mood that heralds the development was poetic and deeply felt but, as soon as agility was called for, the music started to sound hard work, heavily and gracelessly delivered, and with by no means all the right notes. The central Romance offered isolated moments of eloquence. But the Finale, launched with great emphasis and rhetoric, aimed for a big-boned, showy performance without the technical expertise to deliver it. The orchestral accompaniment was over-loud, even in moments of limited importance, and pulled the score about to excess.

The sensitive and indulgent manner in which the conductor, Myung Whun Chung, had led this concerto was heard to more effect in the long, subdued Largo of Shostakovich's Sixth Symphony, which followed. Textures were full and rich, the speeds relaxed, the climaxes grandiloquent, but at the price of a debilitating lack of tension.

A more abrasive style needs to take control, if the proper mood of Shostakovich's stark intensity is to be generated. In the succeeding movements instrumental entries became sharper and the temperature rose, although it would be almost impossible to miss the coarse energy that drives this symphony to its conclusion. By the last blazing minutes orchestral ensemble was at last unanimous and biting in its attack.

Richard Fairman

Dmitri Alexeev
Elizabeth Hall

Although Dmitri Alexeev played himself in with Chopin to begin his programme and returned to Chopin to play himself out in encores, it was in Scriabin and Liszt that he concentrated the essence of his artistry and virtuoso technique.

His pianistic character has verged on the erratic on occasions in the past (he remains the only Soviet pianist to win the Leeds International Competition, in 1975), but it is that of a musician whose sensibilities are felt through the keyboard.

He wove together a group of short Preludes and Poems by Scriabin in such quick succession that they almost became a continuous work, each separate item vanishing in a fleeting evanescence of fingerwork really before its individual character could be fully assimilated, at least by this listener.

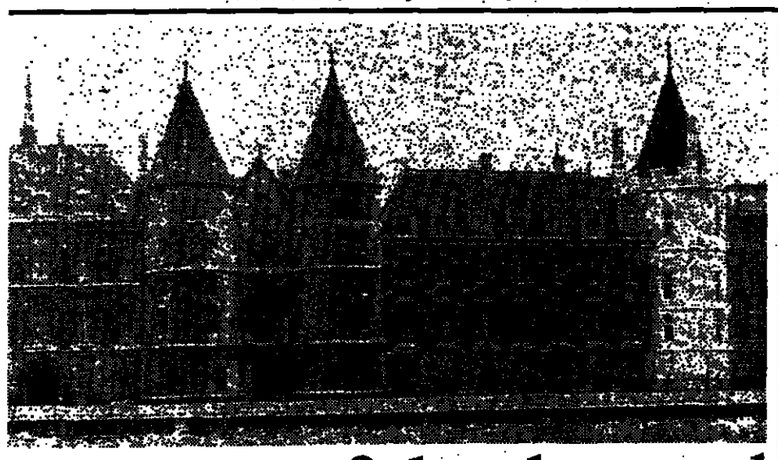
Just a little more breath between them would have improved their effect, whereas the urging and surging of the F sharp Sonata, No 5, showed him responsive to its impetuous contrasts of dynamics.

The adventurous excursion through the breadth and shifting perspectives of Liszt's B minor Sonata filled the second part of the programme with fascinating perception and brilliance, even if it might be thought wayward at times. Alexeev indulged the element of theatricality that Sir Frederick Ashton exploited so cleverly in his *Marguerite and Armand* ballet but with a rhythmic subtlety that avoided the concomitant emotional sentiment.

Its central Andante sostenuto section was perhaps too deliberately calculated in its expressive feeling, and its dying fall was certainly overextended in relation to the context, but there was a formidable technique to realize the fullest demands of the music through the piano's resources, and a wonderfully calculated weight of sonority in the exact placing of single notes and individual chords.

It was a reading to provoke such thought that encores were almost an intrusion.

Noël Goodwin



A house of the damned

Olivier Blanc has a written a book for which the research brought nightmares even to him, with the picture it conjured up of the Paris Conciergerie (above), the building forever identified with the worst excesses of the French Revolution: Euan Cameron reports

During the two years the French 18th-century historian Olivier Blanc spent researching *Last Letters*, just published its English translation, he was beset by nightmares. The task he had set himself was to study the thousands of letters, kept these past two centuries in the files of the Archives Nationales, written by those condemned to death by the Revolutionary Tribunal at the height of the Terror in 1794 in the hours before they were taken to the guillotine.

These letters, pitiable in their expression of desperation not to be forgotten, make harrowing reading, while providing perhaps the clearest evidence we have had of life in Paris's prisons during the Revolution. Few were received by those to whom they were addressed, for they were almost all intercepted and passed to Fouquier-Tinville, the icy public prosecutor of the Revolutionary Tribunal. His own last letter, when the fates he had controlled so ruthlessly finally turned against him, is included at the end of Blanc's book.

The book is not only a selection of 150 of these letters; it also gives accounts of the prisons of revolutionary Paris: the Plessis, the Carmes, the Luxembourg, the *maisons de santé* and, most important, the building synonymous with the worst excesses of the Terror, the Conciergerie.

I met Blanc at this grim, dark edifice with its three pointed towers that overlooks the *rive droite* from the Quai de l'Horloge. Its damp corridors, chambers and cells still have the power to evoke the misery of the Revolution. Inspecting them with *Last Letters* fresh in the memory was a disconcerting experience. Through the gates of the Conciergerie its most famous detainee, Marie-Antoinette, and the several thousand wretched victims of Robespierre's Law of 22 Prairial (June 10, 1794), which deprived them of their rights of defence, were brought to be condemned to death before setting out on the *via dolorosa* that led to the Place de la Révolution and the guillotine.

"I first came here as a child with my grandfather, and ever since the place has haunted me", said Blanc as we examined a cell where women prisoners waited to have their hair shorn before execution. "Fouquier-Tinville worked very fast. If prisoners were condemned late in the day they stayed the night here, but for many it was a question of just a few hours before they were taken to the scaffold."

Some of the letters are intensely moving: most writers proclaim their innocence, many remember their servants, their debts; their last requests are often accompanied by touching mementoes — a poem, or a lock of hair.

Here, for example, Citizen Rigaud writes: "Farewell, my brother, tomorrow I shall be no more . . . The peace of my heart is a sure sign of my innocence . . . The Tribunal has decided that I am guilty and must die. Die! At 36 on the scaffold. It is a terrible, unbearable idea . . ."

Had Blanc felt uncomfortable resurrecting these pathetic vestiges of misery? "One does feel guilty, and it's a considerable emotional strain . . . but there's also a beauty about the letters. Transcribing them was very hard . . . some barely knew how to write. One had to try to behave like a surgeon dissecting the material scientifically."

Through a long, vaulted corridor we passed into the cell where Marie-Antoinette spent the last weeks of her life, with its altar erected by Louis XVIII and the pitiful mementoes. A door on the far side leads into the room where the Girondin deputies held their last meeting, and from here another doorway leads out into the Cour des Femmes, with its chilling iron gateway still intact, where women waited before they were loaded into the tumbrils.

"Some 800 women out of a total of 2,500 prisoners were executed in Paris at the height of the Terror — 1,350 men and women in the period of a single month", says Blanc. "The youngest was only 16½ and Fouquier-Tinville condemned one couple, blind and deaf and in their eighties, with the ignominious disclaimer, *Ils ont conspirés sourdement et aveuglement*." It was a relief to leave this place.

● *Last Letters* is published by André Deutsch at £12.95.

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Max Beerbohm
Piccadilly

It seems to be one of the major unfairnesses of life that so many painters write not only as well as they paint, but also as well as most professional writers can contrive using, as it were, both hands. Some years ago the National Book League staged a series of exhibitions about writer-painters of the 20th century, and it was amazing how many substantial examples they could come up with, starting with Wyndham Lewis, David Jones, Michael Ayrton and Isaac Rosenberg. And then, of course, there is Mervyn Peake, now the subject of a major retrospective at the Festival Hall until April 12.

Peake is rather a special case in this company, because the two sides of his talent are so closely interconnected. The imaginative world of Wyndham Lewis is pretty consistent between his novels and his paintings, but the two spheres have quite separate existences. Peake's novels, on the other hand, are so intensely visual that one would immediately label them "painter's novels" just from the text, and even if they were not normally so closely accompanied by illustrative material which shows how visually Peake approached all his writing.

The present show, though it certainly does not undervalue the writing, is very definitely about Peake the artist, seeing this as the clearest thread through his life. It begins with childhood sketches, and illustrations made while he was still a teenager which are in fact very revealing: there is a touch of the Beardsley influence more or less inescapable in the Twenties, but a lot more, surely, of Heath Robinson, especially his illustrations for his own children's books. And, when one considers it, this was an influence, or at least a kinship, which stayed with Peake all his life. Among the least familar works on show will be the oil paintings, which start off (shades of *Mr Pye*) with some lively portraits of old Sarkese characters, and with *Cactus* (1930), the only picture Peake ever had in the Royal Academy (and a very creditable one it is too).

Painting continues to be an important form of expression for Peake throughout the Thirties, but in the Forties it shades into the background, re-emerging rather strangely in the Fifties with curious, wilfully awkward pieces like *Crucifixion with an Angel* (1952) and, later still, the "haunted eyes" pictures of women. It may be that the uncomfortable simplifications of these later pictures are already the result of the degenerative disease which made the exercise of Peake's arts more and more difficult in the last years before his death in 1968. But the later drawings, like those for his own poem *The Rhyme of the Flying Bomb*, seem to overcome such problems by evolving a new, broader, more expressionistic style.

Undoubtedly, though, the work by which Peake will be remembered dates mostly from the middle of his career — the Forties, when he wrote the first two Gormenghast books and did his finest series of illustrations to writings other than his own, such as *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Hunting of the Snark* (surely Peake compares favourably even with Tenniel as a Lewis Carroll illustrator, such is his gift of visualizing strange creatures with absolute conviction), *Bleak House* and *Treasure Island*. All of these are very well represented, with a particularly illuminating display of all stages in the *Treasure Island* illustrations from first scribble to minutely finished final version. There are also less well-known series, such as his monumental designs for Wilde's *The Sphinx*.

Obviously this is the perfect moment for reappraisal, what with the revival of interest in all the Forties Neo-Romantics, artistic and literary. But Peake is personal enough in his style and approach not to need such adventitious support. It is good, however, to be so crisply reminded of the quality behind the cult.

Interestingly enough, there is a major show of Heath Robinson drawings also on in London at the moment: at Chris Beetles until March 27. Heath Robinson was of course a writer only in a very minor way, relative to his vast output of drawings and illustrations to other men's work. But his own children's books, such as *Uncle Lubin* and *Bill the Minder*, are important because they indicate the bridge between his two worlds, that of the comical books creating mad machines for heedless homes, and that of the illustrations to Shakespeare, Rabelais and other classic texts.

Those who know perfectly well what a "Heath Robinson contraption" would look like are often not aware that he also had this much more serious side to his talent, but his own books show him well able to be comical and poetic at the same time. And, primed with this missing link, we can immediately see how the obviously funny drawings are as exquisitely drawn as the "serious" illustrations, and have nothing to do with the Evening-of-British-Rubbish tradition. Robinson was one of the finest turn-of-the-century illustrators, and his inordinate later popularity on the grounds of invention rather than art cannot blind us to the fact.

Max Beerbohm has always been appreciated, as a draughtsman, for his invention, the art coming some way behind. However, the show of his watercolours and drawings at the Piccadilly Gallery until Saturday does remind us that, for all his apparent (real?) artlessness, he had a very cunning way with the telling line to indicate character: though we remember the captions to his most famous published drawings, there are many here that can summon up a smile entirely without captions, and even when, told the subject of the caricature, we are none the wiser. The drawing of Alfred de Rothschild as *A Patron of the Opera* is funny whether we know or care anything about the man or not, and many of the others have the same feline grace and economy. As a writer Beerbohm had technique in plenty; as a graphic artist he was content to know his limitations and work happily within them, eschewing anything we might call technique because he knew full well that any more would just get in the way.

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Favourable comparisons even with Tenniel in Peake's *Alice* illustration "The Messenger kept skipping" (detail)

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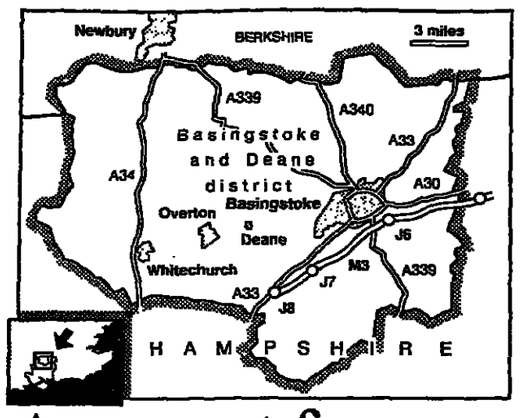
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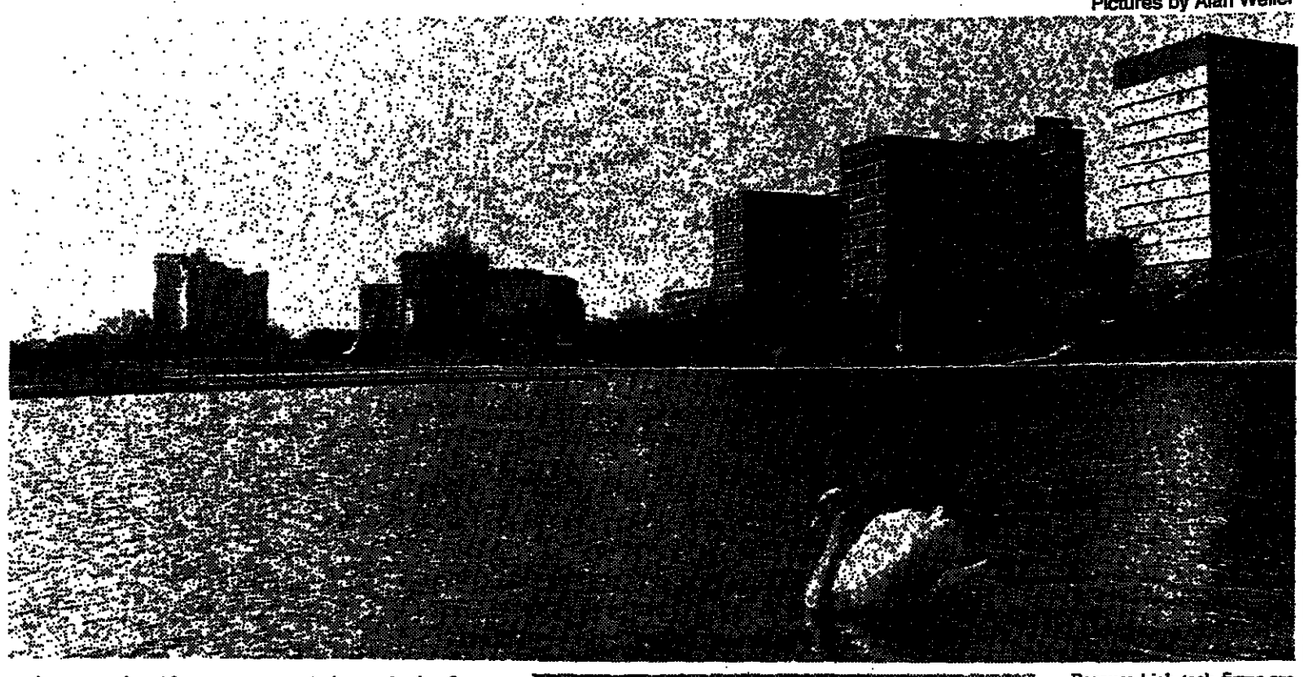
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A SPECIAL REPORT
By John Young

Skyline town, expanding fast



Pictures by Alan Weller



A magnet for new people and jobs

Basingstoke is curiously reminiscent of one of those North American prairie cities which rear up out of the flat landscape in a huddled complex of steel, glass and concrete towers as though space, of all things, were at a premium.

The scale is smaller but, nevertheless, there you are, driving along the M3 through the rolling Hampshire countryside, escaping from the crowds and congestion of the metropolis, and suddenly there are all these tall buildings presenting a skyline which appears totally out of keeping with the traditional market towns and picturesque villages of southern England.

You may, if you so wish, escape Basingstoke altogether by simply continuing along the motorway. It does not demand your presence. But in the past 25 years it has proved a magnet for thousands of new settlers and merits attention as an example of planned economic, if not necessarily social or environmental, success.

Having included Basingstoke some years ago in a series in *The Times* on some of the uglier facets of modern Britain, I have to admit, with discretion rather than repentance, that it deserves a further visit. It cannot be called beautiful, but it is in its way impressive, and it seems to work.

Basing View, the swathe of tall office blocks which dominates the town centre, contains a number of quite distinctive buildings, including the Wiggins Teape headquarters with its multilevel terraces of flowers and shrubs, and a remarkable new glass structure nearing completion for Sun Life of Canada Insurance.

It would all have seemed highly improbable little more than a generation ago, when it was no more than a very modest country town set amid the idyllic north Hampshire downs. Since its designation by the Greater London Council as one of a number of so-called expanding towns, it has far outstripped its rivals and was for some years rated the fastest-growing town in Britain.

The borough of Basingstoke and Deane, occupying some 250 square miles, much of which is still largely rural, boasts a population of some 140,000, of whom about 80,000 live in Basingstoke itself. As in other new and expanding towns, the people are younger than average, some 22 per cent being children under 15 compared with a national figure of 19 per cent, and fewer than 13 per cent old age pensioners, as against more than 18 per cent in Britain as a whole.

The most remarkable statistic, however, relates to unemployment, which has scarcely altered in the past five years and is still under 6 per cent. Given the mobility of the labour force, the high degree of commuting in and out of the borough, and the wide choice of types of job available, that, in current terms, amounts to virtually full employment.

Indeed, there are signs now that constraints on growth may make it more difficult for employers to expand as much as they would like. The official policy is that the period of artificial expansion is over and that from now on the town will simply be allowed to grow naturally.

But what is natural? If you have a town in the favoured part of southern England, with a highly developed infrastructure, excellent communications, and a large number of highly successful companies engaged in high technology industries, it is not always so easy to stop what you have begun. The county council's population projection foresees only a modest growth of about 5,000, or just over 3.5 per cent by 1990. It clearly wants to put the brake on further expansion, and there is a belief in some quarters that it is putting pressure on the district authority to resist further development.

This would be firmly denied if put to the district council planners, and there is no doubt that Basingstoke is still as keen as anywhere else to publicize its attractions. Its latest publicity brochure makes the point in no uncertain terms.

"Basingstoke is eager to promote further industrial and commercial expansion," it says. "Over 200 acres of land, both privately and publicly owned, await development, while several hundred thousand square feet of advance units are either under construction or awaiting tenants."

Nevertheless, the recent refusal of an application for a speculative office development, the first such refusal since the expansion programme began, is seen in some quarters as significant. The reason given by the council is that there is no significant demand for further office accommodation, but Andrew Newman, of the estate agents LS Vail and Son, strongly disagrees. Many of the existing firms already in the town are expanding fast, he points out, and there is a risk that they may be forced to look elsewhere for new premises. There is at present only one speculative development of any size under construction, the striking 135,000 sq ft Churchill Plaza, due to open in June.



Nest of industry: though high tech buildings such as the Sunlife Of Canada HQ, above, now pierce the skyline, there's still room for a soothing whisper of swan lake

Because high-tech firms are able and willing to pay high rents, land prices tend to get pushed up to levels which traditional manufacturing industries cannot afford.

These, however, can be seen as relatively minor hiccoughs in a saga of growth and prosperity. Not everyone would choose to live in Basingstoke and significantly, as in the case of most new towns, those who can afford to live in one or other of the picturesque villages in the neighbourhood generally choose to do so. The mainly working-class housing estates in the town itself have engendered the usual social problemsthat afflict any such community that has no deep roots to sustain it.

But as a late 20th century grafting of industry and technology on to a centuries-old market town which was mentioned in the Domesday Book, it epitomizes an era. Like it or not, it is an example which many towns in the less favoured areas of Britain would dearly love to be in a position to follow.

Getting there on time

Good communications are not in themselves enough to ensure economic health; the motorways sweeping across the industrial wastelands of the Midlands and the North of England testify to that. But what is certain is that prosperity is impossible without good communications.

From the start Basingstoke has been able to sell itself on its accessibility. The M3 London to Southampton motorway runs right past its doorstep. London is less than an hour's drive, and Southampton docks barely half an hour.

The completion of the M25 London orbital motorway has made this even more relevant, cutting the journey time to less than 45 minutes and greatly improving access to the Midlands and the North. Alternatively, there is ready access

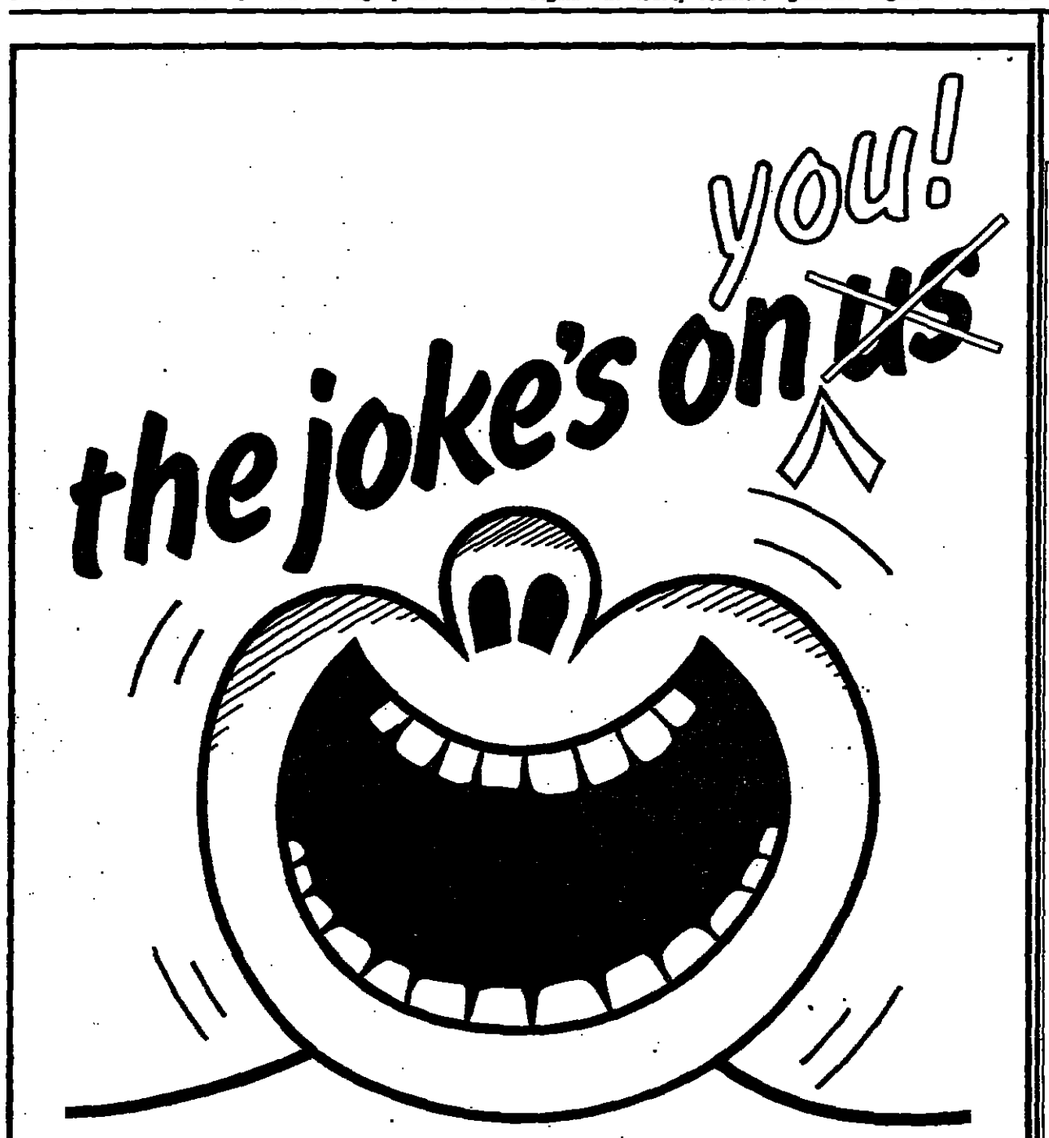
The traffic moves fast around town

to the A34 trunk road from Birmingham to Southampton.

London's Waterloo station is only 45 minutes away, and on weekdays there are at least four trains an hour. There are at least two trains an hour to Southampton and Bournemouth, Inter-City services to Reading, Oxford, Birmingham and the North, and an hourly shuttle service to Reading to link with trains to Bristol and South Wales.

As an alternative to Heathrow, Southampton's Eastleigh airport has its own railway station and regular services by Air UK to Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and the Channel Islands. There are National Express bus services to London, the South Coast, the West and the Midlands.

The circulatory traffic scheme may seem a little intimidating to visitors, if for no other reason than that the traffic moves so fast that there is no time to read the inadequate signposts. As one proud local pointed out, waving an arm in the direction, "look at that. Monday morning, and not a holdup anywhere. There are not many places where you would find that."



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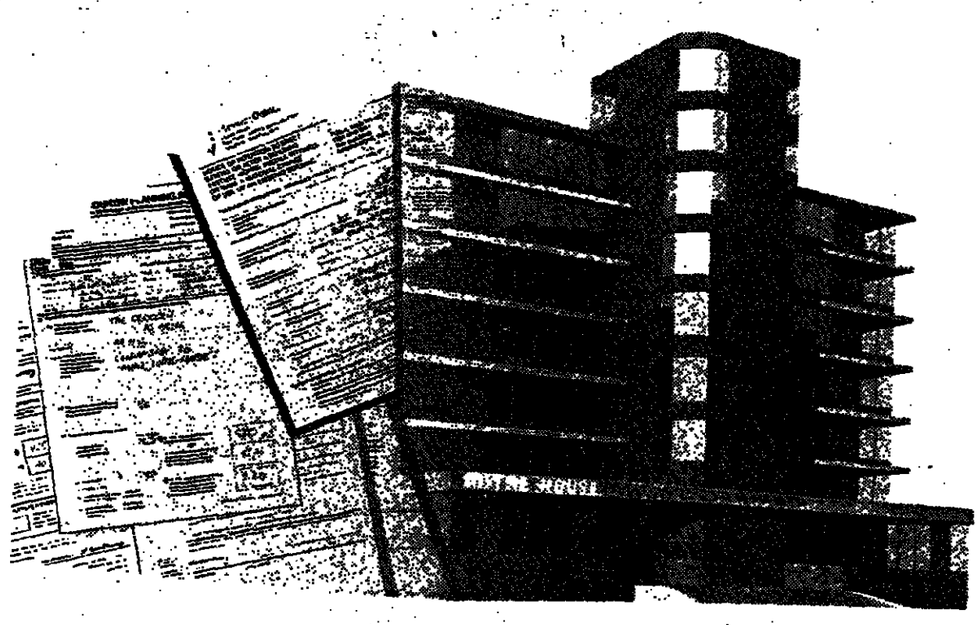
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Leisure pleasure: Marilyn Hinds, the council's chief estate surveyor, is proud of the town's contribution: a multi-purpose sports centre. Right, the AA's HQ

A shopper's delight on the way

Basingstoke, according to the publicity brochure, has a "fine" shopping centre. Others would put it in less glowing terms, and anyway it rather depends on which part of it you are talking about.

The old town centre is pleasant enough. London Street, which runs through the centre of it, has been pedestrianized and landscaped, and there are plans to do the same to the rest of it.

But the older part of the modern centre, an architecturally dismal complex straddling a main dual carriageway traffic artery, is a typical piece of 1960s "tat" and is already showing signs of premature senility.

It is not beyond redemption, however, and a scheme is in hand by the district council and the freehold owners, Prudential Assurance, for a £10 million facefift for the 500,000 sq ft of shops.

The second stage, which opened in 1981 and was financed by the Post Office Pension Fund, is a considerable improvement. But some observers doubt whether this type of town centre, despite its nearness to the bus station, the railway station and what is claimed to be the largest multi-storey car park in Europe, is what people nowadays really want.

The doubters point to the success of the two main out-of-town subcentres at Chineham, to the north-east of the town, where most of the recent housing development has taken place, and at Brighton Hill, on the south-west.

The former is grouped around a Tesco superstore, and the latter round a rather smaller Sainsbury's. To recover its pride and go one up on its great rivals, Sainsbury's has obtained planning permission in principle for a third, even bigger development.

The argument about whether out-of-town shopping is the future way forward, and the economic damage it may or may not do to town and city centres, is not, of course, confined to Basingstoke. It is a national issue, but there are signs that, at least in the wealthier parts of Britain, the two can coexist quite happily.

In Basingstoke, for example, town centre facilities grew from 760,000 sq ft in 1974 to just over 1,000,000 sq ft in 1984. In the same period the outside centre slightly more than doubled, from 117,000 sq ft to 242,000 sq ft, but there is little indication that this damaged the central area.

A recent survey by Pearsons, the chartered surveyors, concluded that, by comparison with national averages, Basingstoke town centre had a lower proportion of convenience outlets, perhaps reflecting the significance of the district centres for food retailing.

"The kinds of shop in the centre, for example the relatively high proportion of jewelery, and books and stationery outlets, and of banks and other services, can perhaps be seen as a reflection of the relatively wealthy hinterland served by the centre," it said. The strength of the centre is reflected in its low vacancy rate.

Building beauties

The great bank of office buildings dominating the Basingstoke skyline tells its own success story. From the monolithic headquarters of the Automobile Association to the spectacular new Churchill Plaza, the array includes IBM, Wiggins Teape, Snamprogetti, Digital Equipment, Sony Broadcast, Thomas de La Rue, Provident Life, BOCM Silcock and the Civil Service Commission.

Among the government departments that have established regional offices are the Ministry of Defence, the Employment Service Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, the Factory Inspectorate, the Department of Health and Social Security, and the Inland Revenue.

Apart from providing thousands of jobs for generally well paid white collar workers in one of the more salubrious parts of southern England, the serried fortresses of Basing View offer a fascinating contrast in architectural styles. Possibly the most distinguished among them is Gateway House, the headquarters of the Wiggins Teape group, which has won a number of design awards for its innovative use of rooftop gardens.

By far the most interesting new building, with the possible exception of the Churchill Plaza, is the new headquarters of Sun Life of Canada, an L-shaped seven-storey structure connected by glass-clad link bridges to a rectangular five-storey office building around an enclosed atrium.

The building was designed by Elsom, Pack and Roberts.

It is a far cry from the imperial surroundings of Trafalgar Square, and may be seen as a microcosm of the changing face of Britain. Maurice Bates, the company's vice-president, said: "We were determined to provide a highly prestigious building to match the position that the company holds.

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Picture postcard pressures

The housing position in Basingstoke reflects the dilemma to be found almost anywhere in South-east England.

Do you continue to allow building of new estates on greenfield sites to meet the inevitable needs of an expanding population, or do you try to switch the emphasis to the surrounding villages, substantial parts of which have been designated as conservation areas, and whose inhabitants are almost universally opposed to new building within their boundaries?

To that extent Basingstoke could be described as a victim of its own success. Back in the brave new world of the 1950s and 1960s, when the planners conceived the notion of a ring of expanded towns which, together with the new towns, would relieve the pressures on Greater London, they could hardly have foreseen that a generation later those towns would themselves be under similar pressures.

In the 1960s most of the housing development in and around the town was carried out by the local authority, serviceable but uninspiring.

In the 1970s the emphasis switched sharply in favour of private builders, and in the past few years the council has built very little other than housing for those with special needs, such as the elderly and the handicapped.

Since the introduction of legislation to allow council tenants to buy their homes, more than 4,000 former local authority houses and flats have been transferred to private ownership.

However, since the early days a very high proportion of the land earmarked for eventual development has been in the hands of the local authority.

It has recently embarked on a number of joint-venture schemes with private builders, whereby the latter are provided with sites at a sizeable discount in return for a commitment to keep the sale price of the houses low.

The council's present policy is to release greenfield sites bit by bit to keep pace with demand, and to avoid a speculative boom. It calculates that about 1,000 houses a year will be built during the next few years, bringing the total within the borough from just over 50,000 in 1985 to an estimated 56,500 in 1989. Significantly nearly 5,000 of those new units will be in the town and fewer than 1,500 in the rural areas.

At the top of the range are four-bedroom detached houses in Old Basing and Lychpit for between £78,500 and £118,000. At the other end of the scale a studio apartment near the town centre might be found for as little as £33,000.

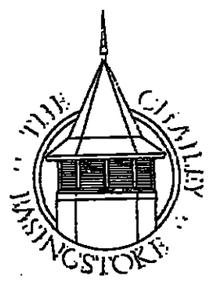
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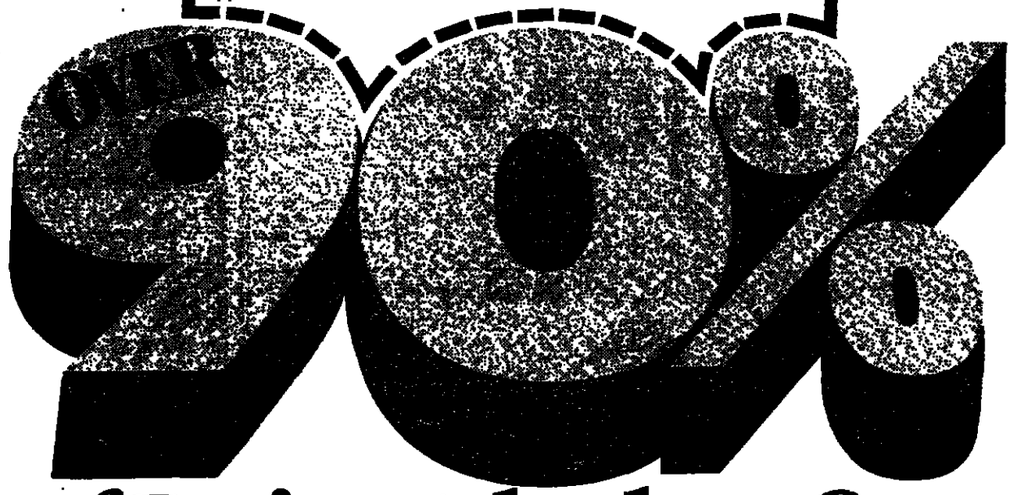
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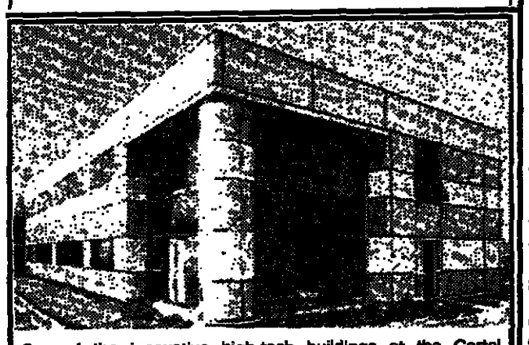
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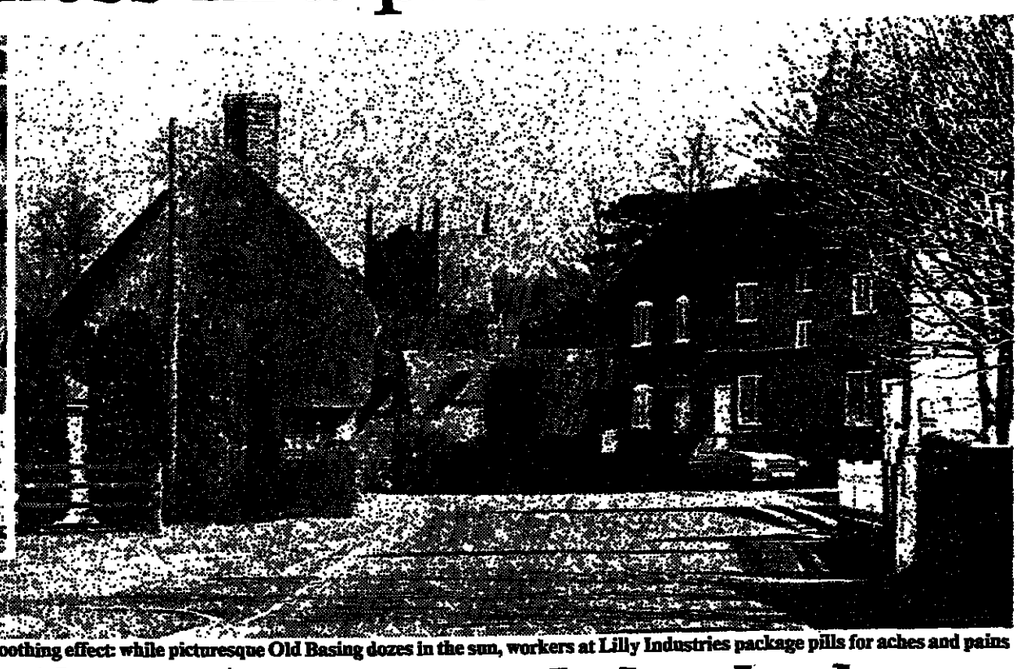
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Bigger business in a pleasant land





Soothing effect: while picturesque Old Basing dozes in the sun, workers at Lilly Industries package pills for aches and pains

Long before the advent of the office boom, which permanently changed the appearance and character of the town centre, Basingstoke was a small but thriving industrial catchment area in an otherwise largely non-industrialized region.

Some of the more important employers had put down roots many years before the agreement between the local authority and the Greater London Council to designate it as an expanding town to absorb overspill from the capital.

They include Lansing Bagnall forklift trucks, the aviation division of Smiths Industries, and Lilly Industries Ltd, the first overseas subsidiary of the American pharmaceutical giant, Eli Lilly, which established its factory nearly 50 years ago.

Lilly claims to be the oldest large employer still doing business in the town, and last year it moved its administrative headquarters there. Its example has been followed by a number of other pharmaceuticals manufacturers, including Boots, Oxoid and Johnson & Johnson.

Apart from pharmaceuticals, the most significant industries are electronics and computers – which include Sperry Flight Systems, ITT Cannon, Motorola, Technicon, Vickers Medical and Powell Duffry – and engineering, including Eaton, Marbaix, ITW, Lennox and Montgomerie Reid.

Basingstoke has also become a regional centre for the thriving printing industry, including Macmillan, McCorquodale and Pan Books. Portals, which prints banknotes, is obliged to despatch its precious cargoes in high-security convoys with police escorts and wailing sirens. This prompts the question whether potential ambushers have ever carefully assessed the marketability of mint, numbered notes.

The late 1970s and early 1980s saw a boom in warehousing and storage facilities, and the establishment of a number of regional distribution centres, notably for the food and drink trade. Companies include Sainsbury's, Berry Bros, Bulmers, Gilbeys and the Klix vending division of Mars. The Mars group has also established two factories for the manufacture of vending machines and the ingredients for the drinks that they dispense.

Work has already started on developing a further 125 acres

The substantial spread of small firms is split between the main council-owned industrial estates at Daneshill and Houndsmill, and a number of smaller, privately-owned developments. The present focus of growth is the Crockford Lane estate, the first stage of which consists of 125 acres being developed by the Property Security Investment Trust and on which the first two units are nearing completion.

The infrastructure is in place, and a further 25 acres, owned by Hampshire County Council, are awaiting the go-ahead.

Jane Austen and the duchess

Opinions may vary about the merits of Basingstoke's architecture, its ambiance and its desirability as a place to live or work. But what cannot be denied is the quality and attraction of its surroundings, which must certainly have influenced many of the companies that have chosen to move there.

One of the great advantages of a growth centre such as Basingstoke is that it concentrates industry and commerce in one place and leaves the surrounding countryside unscathed.

The gentle, rolling landscape and secluded valleys contain dozens of attractive towns and villages which, apart from a steep rise in property prices, have remained barely affected by their ebullient neighbour.

An example on the very edge of the town is the village of Old Basing, which would grace any picture postcard and where, not surprisingly, houses cost a small fortune. The former Basing House is, alas, no more, its owners having held out against Cromwell's army, in return for which the Great Protector razed it to the ground.

Most of the borough is, in fact, rural and includes, to the immediate west of the town, the North-Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This contains Beacon Hill, one of the highest points in Hampshire, and Watership Down, the setting for Richard Adams' book.

An altogethef more distinguished literary connection is to be found in Steventon, where Jane Austen wrote *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility*. Just the other side of the motorway is the village of Dummer, which enjoyed its moment of fame last summer as the home village of the Duchess of York.

One of the great centres of racing is only a few miles away, based on Newbury, Lambourn, the Berkshire Downs and, within the borough itself. Highclere and Kingsclere. Both have famous studs. Two of the greatest Derby winners, Midday Sun and Mill Reef, were bred at Kingsclere, and the Queen's horses are stabled nearby.

Highclere, the home of the remarkable and delightful Earl of Carnarvon, whose son Lord Porchester is the Queen's racing manager, is an impressive Gothic pile, the work of Charles Barry, the architect of the Palace of Westminster.

It is not open to the public, unlike Stratford Saye, the home of the Dukes of Wellington; the house and grounds were presented to the Iron Duke for his services to the nation, and in return his contemporary descendant has opened a country park on the estate.

Another notable stately home in the borough is The Vyne, the first English country house to be built with a portico and now the property of the National Trust.

Going back in time, there is the Calleva museum at Silchester, which contains some of the most extensive Roman relics in Britain, and forward to this century, the impressive Sandham Memorial Chapel, designed as a First World War memorial, the walls of which are covered with paintings by Stanley Spencer of war scenes at Salonica.

But perhaps the most vivid contrast to be found to the last 20th century assertiveness of Basingstoke is in the valley of the River Test, the world-famous chalk stream, which rises about five miles to the west of the town.

It is not just fishermen who find it enchanting; the towns of Overton and Whitchurch, and the villages of Ashe, Freefolk – so named because it was built for Huguenot refugees from France – and Laverstoke, are sheer delight. End

TOWN FACTS

- **Population:** 136,000
- **Area:** 250 sq miles
- **Rateable value:** £21,852,271
- **Politics:** MP for Basingstoke, Andrew Hunter (Con), maj 12,4450. MP for Hampshire North-West, David Mitchell (Con), maj 12,122
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Bargains
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USM (Datastream)
158.52 (+1.25)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5795 (+0.0050)

W German mark
2.8922 (–0.0238)

Trade-weighted
71.4 (–0.2)

Meggitt in line for big US deal

A contract to supply the US Marine Corps with aircrew respirators, won by the British engineering group, Meggitt Holdings, could lead to a much larger deal with the US Air Force.

The Marine order for the equipment, which offers protection against nuclear fall-out and biological weapons, was for about £5 million, but USAF orders could be worth ten times that amount.

The respirators, made by Meggitt's Negretti Aviation subsidiary, are being evaluated by the USAF and a decision is expected next year.

Meggitt yesterday unveiled record profits for the 14 months to end-December. The company raised its final dividend to 1.25p a share from the 1p it forecast last year when it was fighting a bid battle for Bestobell.

Mr Ken Coates, the managing director, confirmed yesterday that exploratory bid talks held with the Rotork engineering group had been halted after opposition to a deal from Rotork directors.

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Tesco forecast

Supermarkets group Tesco has forecast profits of £175 million for the 53 weeks to the end of February this year. The figure, which includes £9 million of profits from property sales, is included in the formal offer documents in connnection with the £151 million bid for Yorkshire-based Hillards group.

Earnings fall

Consulting engineers' overseas earnings fell to £508 million last year compared with £562 million the year before, the Association of Consulting Engineers said yesterday. Despite the world decline in the construction market, there was growth in contracts for water supply, hydro-electric schemes and nuclear power.

Biffex poll

Members of the Baltic International Freight Futures Exchange will be balloted this week on whether the exchange should merge with the London Commodity Exchange, or come under a new umbrella of Baltic futures exchanges. The final decision rests with the Biffex board at the end of this month.

USSR bid

Davy Corporation, the engineering contractor, confirmed it was bidding for work on a fibre plant at Blagoveshchensk, Siberia, in the Soviet Union. A company team was in Moscow to negotiate for three main contracts, but it was not known who the rivals bidders were.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2243.75 (–14.91)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	21415.37 (–82.58)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2669.57 (–51.60)
Amsterdam: Gen	274.10 (–1.0)
Sydney: AO	1629.2 (–7.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1701.9 (–9.8)
Brussels:	
General	4505.24 (+10.87)
Paris: CAC	439.20 (–2.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	535.60 (same)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	90.07 (+0.20)

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London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 9⅝–9 13/16%
3-month eligible bills: 9 7/16–9⅜% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.66-5.64%*
30-year bonds 99 25/32–99 27/32*

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Jamesons	215p (+25p)
Trinity Int.	730p (+40p)
Eucalyptus	1060p (+42p)
Fosseo	262p (+12p)
James Wilkes	150p (+12p)
Johnson Group	605p (+20p)
Vsel	343p (+22p)

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* Denotes latest trading price

Budget boost for spending

Sharp rise in retail sales

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Spending in the shops rose sharply last month, removing doubts about the underlying strength of consumer spending. The volume of retail sales rose by 2.2 per cent, recovering much of its decline in the two previous months. Sales volume was 6.4 per cent up on a year earlier.

The value of sales last month averaged £1,725 million a week and sales by value were 9 per cent higher than in February last year. Retail sales should be given a further boost as a result of income tax cuts expected in today's Budget and the prospect of lower mortgage rates.

Much of last month's increase in sales reflects the recovery from the depressed January figures, when many shoppers were unable to get to town centres, and when a lot of spending was deferred.

In January, food retailers and local shops did exceptionally well.

According to Department of Trade and Industry officials, sales by small retailers, including corner and village shops, were strong again last month. "The renaissance of the corner shop continues," a spokesman said.

There was a recovery also in consumer durable sales last month, according to provisional information. These were the main casualty of the severe winter weather in January.

In the latest three months, the volume of retail sales was down by 0.1 per centage point on the previous three months but nearly six per cent up on the corresponding period a year earlier.

The 2.2 per cent rise in sales volume last month came after declines of 2.2 per cent in January and 1.1 per cent in December. The volume index of retail sales last month was 125.0 (1980 = 100), below the record, achieved last November, of 126.4.

A spokeswoman for the Retail Consortium said that the organization was "very pleased" with the February figures. Evidence from members pointed to the strength of spring fashion lines during a relatively mild month.

The consortium is expecting sales to remain strong after today's Budget, which is expected to enhance disposable incomes through both income tax cuts and lower mortgage rates.

The Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey, published at the end of last week, predicted a buoyant spring for retail sales. In March last year, boosted by traditional pre-Budget spending on alcohol and tobacco, there was a jump of nearly 2 per cent in retail sales volume.

The strength of spending in the shops has had an important impact on the Chancellor's Budget calculations, VAT receipts having been particularly strong.

But the slight reduction in the pace of retail sales growth over the winter months may not have been an unwelcome development for the Chancellor. Had sales been growing at the breakneck speed of last autumn it would have been difficult for Mr Lawson to sidestep the accusation that any tax cuts announced today would be adding fuel to an already roaring fire.

Signs of stronger growth in exports, alongside steadier retail sales growth, will enable the Chancellor to argue that the economy is now on a more balanced recovery path.

The Budget is expected to confirm the autumn statement forecast of 4 per cent consumer spending growth this year, after an expansion of 5 per cent last year.


Chris Harris

Maitland Smith: modern approach to an antique business

Austrians give back Guinness payment

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness's fight to recover £25 million worth of payments made by its former management received a welcome, if modest, boost yesterday when an Austrian bank paid back £254,000 plus interest, which Guinness had paid it.

Zentralsparkasse und Kommerzialbank of Vienna had been paid the money in June last year – two months after Guinness won control of Distillers. It represented losses incurred by the bank on Guinness shares it had bought.

When the bank's name appeared on one of the 11 mystery invoices that made up the £25 million, it immediately held an internal inquiry into the circumstances of the payment. It has maintained that the transaction was not illegal under Austrian law.

However the arrangement between Guinness and the bank may have breached provisions of the Companies Act 1985, which make it illegal for a company to provide financial assistance for the purchase of its own shares except in limited circumstances.

Guinness issued a statement yesterday, saying that after "full disclosure of the circumstances to the relevant authorities and to ourselves, Guinness accepts that the Austrian bank was not aware that any breach of UK law might have occurred."

According to the statement, the bank accepted "that it ought not to have received this payment from Guinness" and "considered it right not only to repay the principal but also interest from date of payment to date of repayment." The interest paid by the bank came to an additional £18,000.

The repayment brings the total recovered by Guinness out of the mystery invoices to more than £7.5 million. Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron International has already returned £5.8 million that it received, whilst S&W Berisford returned a payment of almost £1.5 million.

Guinness is still trying to recover more of the £25 million paid out by its former management, including £5.2 million paid to Mr Thomas Ward – a Guinness director – via a Jersey nominee company.

Pearson allows £18m for payoffs

By Alexandra Jackson

Pearson, publisher of the *Financial Times*, has made an extraordinary provision of £18 million after tax relief to cover the cost of discontinuing paper's printing operation at Bracken House in the City of London, scheduled for next year.

Details of the provision were published yesterday when the group reported an 11 per cent increase in pretax profits to £121.1 million in the year to the end of December 1986. Earnings per share grew by a quarter to 37.4p. A final dividend of 7p makes a total of 12p for the year.

The information and entertainment division contributed 57 per cent of group turnover and 53 per cent of trading profits in 1986. The *Financial Times* was the largest single contributor to this division's profits. Analysts believe that it made well over £20 million last year.

Pearson announced plans to build a printing plant at East India Dock in the London Docklands last August. At that time, the investment was expected to cost the group £55 million. However, further details revealed yesterday show

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that the board has now approved £70 million for it.

The relocation will involve 404 redundancies. Mr Frank Barlow, chief executive of the *Financial Times*, was not prepared to quantify the likely cost savings, although he drew attention to figures frequently quoted in Fleet Street of £20,000 per redundancy. On this basis, analysts calculate, there would be immediate savings of £8 million.

According to Lord Blakenham, chairman and chief executive of Pearson, the move to Docklands will result in an increase in the size of the paper and an improvement in its print quality which will allow more advertising.

The future of Bracken House, in Cannon Street, has not been decided yet. It is being assessed by several firms of architects and is thought to have considerable development potential.

There has been much speculative interest in Pearson's shares lately because of the 4.8 per cent shareholding owned by Mr Li Ka Shing's Hongkong trading company Hutchison Whampoa.

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New CBI chief hit by Lucas walk out

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday gained a new director general, Mr John Banham, and lost one of its most senior member companies, Lucas Industries, which said it was disillusioned with the organization's representation of the interests of manufacturing industry.

For Mr Banham, former head of the Government's Audit Commission, his first day as the leading spokesman for British industry, was hardly auspicious. The resignation of Lucas, one of the leading car and aerospace component groups, appeared to leave the CBI floundering.

The new director general was said to be "too busy" to give interviews or even appear for photographs.

Lucas, meanwhile, said it was leaving the CBI — and denying the organization its £30,000 annual subscription — because it felt that manufacturing was no longer being fully represented in the corridors of power. The Budget, said a spokesman, was of little interest to Lucas; of more pressing concern was the lack of British investment in research and development and the continuing shortage of skilled technicians and other workers.

CBI spokesmen attempted to put a brave face on the Lucas resignation, pointing out that 85 per cent of *The Times* list of the top 100 British companies were members.

Lucas's complaints centre on its belief that the growing number of service industry members has caused the CBI to concentrate on short-term issues. A spokesman said yesterday that the decision was "permanent".

Despite the loss of the Rover Group, which withdrew from CBI membership for cost reasons, Northern Engineering Industries and Rolls-Royce aero engines, the CBI maintains that it still represents 250,000 businesses.

Montague men for Scrimgeour

By Carol Ferguson

Equity market-makers at Midland Montague are wasting no time in seeking new employers. Eight have just been recruited by Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroking arm of Citicorp Investment Bank.

The move follows Midland's announcement last week that it is pulling out of equity market-making after heavy losses. Scrimgeour Vickers will not be paying any premiums or "golden hellos" to the new employees.

Midland had planned to redeploy some of its market-makers, but not all 38 of them. "We will not put obstacles in the way of any who want to leave but we do not want to lose all of them," said a spokesman, Mr Alan Macdonald.

"If an individual was a broker on October 27 (the date of Big Bang), it will not be difficult for him to return to his previous way of life."

Scrimgeour Vickers has announced that Mr John Hewitt, head of research, is to be its new managing director, taking over from Citicorp's Mr Fred Pettit. Mr Hewitt will be named deputy chairman of Scrimgeour Vickers at the next board meeting.

Mr Pettit, who masterminded the acquisition and integration of Scrimgeour Vickers, positioning the group for the changes made necessary for Big Bang, will be returning to the Regional Directorate of Citicorp Investment Bank.

Including the acquisition of two British stockbrokers, Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee and Vickers da Costa, Citicorp spent £75 million on acquisitions in preparation for Big Bang.

Citicorp did not buy a jobbing firm and has built up its market-making capability from scratch. The new recruits will be joining a team of 52 market-makers in Britain and a total of 110 analysts worldwide.

According to research published by Salomon Brothers, the US securities firm, Scrimgeour Vickers' market share in equities has risen from 5 per cent to 8 per cent. Confirming these figures, Mr Hewitt said: "Our market share is significant and these are pretty good numbers."

Mr Terry Connor, head of market-maketing at Scrimgeour, said: "Because we did not buy a jobber, we had no new infrastructure of costs. We make money in market-making, and we have made money consistently since Big Bang. Don't get me wrong, the environment is tough and it will get tougher. But we want a 10 per cent market share next year."

Mallett comes to market at £16m

Mallett, antique dealers, is coming to market. It is seeking a placing of 6.24 million shares at 120p each, capitalizing Mallett at £16.6 million. Brokers to the issue are Greenwell Montagu Securities.

The shares being placed represent 45.2 per cent of the enlarged issued share capital, and comprise 4.2 million new shares to raise £4.7 million and a total of 2.04 million being sold by the executive directors and by Sears.

Following the placing, the executive directors will hold 28.8 per cent and Sears will hold 25.9 per cent. Proceeds of the placing will be used mainly to repay bank borrowings and unsecured loan stock, and to provide working capital for futher expansion. Dealings are expected to begin on Friday.

The Mallett group, with Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith as chairman, deals in high quality antique furniture and works of art, specializing in the eighteenth century and Regency periods. Turnover has increased from £3.6 million in 1982 to nearly £8 million last year, and pretax profit before exceptional items from £734,000 to £2 million.

Pro-forma net tangible assets on December 31, taking into account the net proceeds of the issue, amounted to £6.5 million, equivalent to 47p per share.

If the shares had been held publicly throughout 1986, the directors would have expected to recommend a 3p dividend.

£67m Dixons stake sold

Dixons, the high street electrical goods chain, sold the bulk of its holding in Woolworth yesterday for £67.5 million.

The shares were bought during the company's unsuccessful £1.8 million takeover bid for Woolworth last year.

The 8.3 million shares were sold to the US securities house, Salomon Brothers, at 813p compared with the average purchase price during the bid battle of about £7.

Salomon later placed the stock with a wide spread of institutional investors both in Britain and overseas.

Dixons is retaining 1 million of its Woolworth shares as an investment. "They are doing well and we think they will go higher," said Mr Richard Kalms, of Dixons.

EFT bank opposition fades away

By Michael Tate

Shareholders in Edinburgh Financial Trust yesterday voted unanimously to allow Mr Hamish Grossart and Mr Hugh Barry to transform their company into Scotland's first independent quoted merchant bank.

The expected opposition to the proposals evaporated before the annual meeting when counter proposals from Waverley Asset Management and Mr Bruce Judge, a New Zealand entrepreneur, were withdrawn.

The Waverley-Judge camp, which still speaks for 21.3 per cent of the shares, was undecided last night about its strategy on EFT.

Under the proposals agreed yesterday, EFT will concentrate on three main areas: corporate finance, fund management and asset finance, which Mr Grossart describes as "quasi-banking."

Ordnance unions to strike

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Unions representing the 16,000 workers at Royal Ordnance yesterday announced a national stoppage of work at its factories next Tuesday and a lobby of Parliament in protest against the imminent privatization of the arms manufacturer.

After a meeting with Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, at which he refused to give assurances on jobs or the disposal or closure of factories after the sale, the unions said they would step up their campaign for safeguards.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed that firm bids from British Aerospace and GKN had been submitted by Friday's deadline. The other shortlisted bidders, Ferranti and Trafalgar House, did not submit offers.

British Aerospace said it was in a strong position to increase RO's overseas sales and develop new high-technology products. GKN, which manufactures the Warrior and Saxon armoured personnel carriers, said RO would be a logical extension to its defence interests.

A Ferranti spokesman said: "We are not anxious or willing to go into why we decided not to bid. There is no single reason."

The unions have predicted more than 3,000 redundancies and the closure of two or three factories if privatization goes ahead. According to union representatives, Mr Younger said: "I do not intend to discuss with them (the prospective buyers) what they will do with the business."

Mr Jack Dromey, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said the workforce at RO's Leeds tank factory had been halved to less than 800 since its sale.

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Governor wants dialogue to avoid bid anger

Jaw is better than war

By Our City Staff

Big shareholders unhappy about the performance of companies should signal their unhappiness more clearly and more promptly "and management needs to listen," the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, said in a speech to the Industrial Society yesterday.

He again urged companies and big City shareholders to enter into a much closer dialogue to prevent the mistrust that leads to takeover bids and the damage takeover battles cause.

But after defending the freedom to make takeover bids, the Governor made it clear he does not intend to let up in his condemnation of the tactics used in takeover battles or of artificial attempts to promote takeovers that have no logic.

Answering questions after the speech, he said: "I am not happy about the sharpness, contentiousness and acrimony that takeovers can produce. In the past six months, all the events that have cast reflection on the commercial integrity of the City or the directors of public companies has been the result of a takeover bid of one sort or another."


Leigh-Pemberton yesterday: acrimony in City

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said his remarks applied both to the cases of insider trading and to the temptation to "cut corners" during a bid. The Bank played a leading role in the clean-up which followed the Guinness scandal and the Governor said he had been accused by the head of one of the City's top merchant banks of "drifting towards interventionism."

He said it was difficult to find the "right tightrope" to walk between intervening and adhering to the philosophy of the free market.

But in his speech he said: "I have been concerned when predators have sought to use a minority shareholding to unsettle a perfectly well-managed company and to create an atmosphere in which a bid becomes daily expected.

"Such activity can amount to a thoroughly irresponsible exercise of shareholder power, and an abuse of the arrangements that we have in this country for the protection of shareholders' interests."

The Governor said the Government was considering suggestions for changes in the rules surrounding takeovers."

Mr Leigh-Pemberton's speech mainly dealt with the links between the City and industry, with the Governor defending the City's record as a source of long-term funds.

But in reply to a question, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said he saw no real need for "a politically-motivated bank" and he doubted whether it "would really stand up to the test."

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STOCK MARKET

US interest brings Sid cold comfort in freezing weather

By Michael Clark

The latest bout of freezing weather may be bad news for the rest of us, but it could be good news for British Gas which is trading close to its highest levels since its flotation in December.

The benefits of this latest cold snap, which has brought snow to many areas of the country, has come as something of a bonus to analysts who have already started to upgrade their estimate of net income for the current year to March 31 to about £650 million. That compares with the £575 million forecast in the prospectus at the time of the flotation.

Several brokers — particularly those with a strong US following — have already made their findings known. Others are expected to follow within the next couple of weeks.

This is certain to attract support for British Gas from American investors who are now free to come in and buy the shares. The big Wall Street fund managers are now only waiting for the findings of their London brokers to drop on to their desks before making a move.

British Gas is reckoned to be cheaply rated compared with the big US utilities which will make it much more attractive to American investors. The Americans are also apparently amazed at the lack of regulation in the British gas industry. Many of their own gas companies have to follow strict rules of conduct which can affect profitability.

The British Gas partly-paid shares slipped 1p to 80p yesterday as 15 million shares changed hands. But dealers were last night predicting that the price should "comfortably" hit 90p once the Americans finally get their act together.

Investors, elsewhere, decided to hold fire until details of today's Budget speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer are announced. Despite another strong showing by the Government in the latest political opinion polls and hopes of a 1 percentage point cut in bank base rates, turnover was reduced to a trickle. Market-makers facing up to their first Budget since "Big Bang" were in no rush to hold too much stock on the books and appeared quite content to let prices drift lower.

So most of the attention was again focused on weekend press "tips" and companies reporting. The FT 30 share index finished 7.3 down at 1,576.6 while the FT-SE 100 index eased 8.2 to 1,991.8.

Government securities were a fraction harder on hopes of cheaper money.

After hitting a low of 167p back in December, shares of Marks and Spencer, the jewel in the high street crown, are looking in much better shape these days. The group has shrugged off the worries that shrouded it during the autumn and dragged the price lower, along with the other leading retailers, and is looking forward to the spending boom expected after today's Budget speech

New product ranges and an increase in floor space have pleased City analysts who are convinced that the M&S high rating is justified. They are impressed with the group's recent performance that has seen it maintain growth during a period of change.

Full-year figures expected in May should show pretax profits climbing from £365.8 million to £420 million. Fears that the group would struggle to make £415 million now seem to have evaporated.

Yesterday the shares eased 4p to 229p — just 10p below their high — as they ran into profit-taking, along with the other retailers, following the recent strong run.

Dealers last night were convinced the retail sector has advanced so rapidly in recent weeks that it is now discounting most of the proposals that are expected to be contained in the Chancellor's package.

As a result, falls were seen in Boots 9p to 286p, Burton 10p to 306p, Great Universal to 328p — for a two-day loss of 16p.

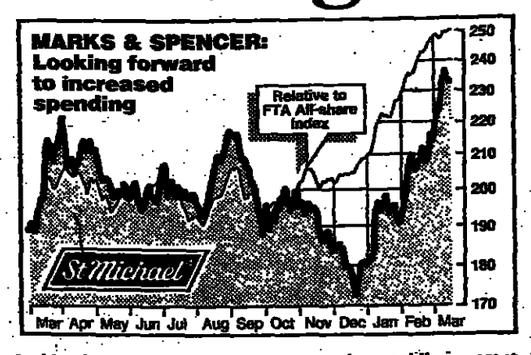
Woolworth fell 18p to 815p after learning that Dixons had sold the bulk of its near 5 per cent holding in the company to Salomon Brothers, the New York investment house, at 813p.

Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, has emerged as the mystery buyer behind the recent flurry of activity in shares of Union Discount. He has picked up 1.15 million shares, or 9.2 per cent of the total, through his publicly quoted subsidiary, IEP Securities. He had been mentioned as a likely buyer and has established a record of building up stakes in companies. Union Discount is one of the few remaining discount houses and responded to the news with a 20p rise to 498p. The price has come up 118p in the past 10 days.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange closed mostly softer in quiet trading yesterday, but finished up from the day's lows after recovering from significant losses earlier in the session. The Commerzbank index shed 9.8 points to 1701.9.

● **TOKYO:** Share prices edged down on heavy volume yesterday in mixed trading, breaking a four-session string of consecutive record closing prices. The Nikkei Dow Jones index of 225 selected stocks, which rose 27.75 points on Friday, fell 82.58 points to close at 21,415.37.

● **HONGKONG:** A technical selloff drove most share prices sharply lower yesterday in moderate trading on Hongkong's stock market.



● **Note the strength of Jack L. Israel, the USM-quoted fruit and vegetable distributor, unchanged at 31p yesterday — just 1p below its peak. Dealers report heavy option business leading to talk of a possible bid. The shares are tightly held and July figures should show good increases.**

● **Northern Engineering Industries rose a further 3.5p to 90p — for a two-day lead of 6p — on hopes that it would be awarded a contract to help build two coal-fired power stations. It is hoped the dividend will be maintained when final figures are announced. The shares yield 8 per cent.**

Stores 'A' 53p to £13.25, Ratners 11p to 313p, Sears 5p to 135p and Storehouse 6p to 309p.

Fears of a boardroom quarrel following last week's surprise resignation of Mr Roger Pedder as director continued to haunt Ward White, the Zodiac Toys, Payless DIY and Owen Owen stores group. The price fell 9p

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	858	Gen Accident	29	Redland	734
Amstrad	7,000	GEC	2,860	Reckitt Colman	383
ASDA-MFI	2,600	Glaxo	1,000	Reed Int	335
Ass Br Foods	627	Globe IT	78	Reuters	402
BET	880	Granada	1,800	RMC Group	307
BTR	6,000	Grand Met	814	RTZ	586
BAT	1,500	GUS 'A'	562	Rowntree	1,800
Barclays	1,300	GRE	276	Royal B of Scot	576
Bass	353	GKN	1,200	Royal Ins	109
Beecham	1,400	Guinness	416	Saatchi	330
Blue Circle	657	Hammerson Pry 'A'	178	Sainsbury (J)	322
BOC	741	Hanson	7,100	Scot Newell	517
Boots	5,000	Hawker Siddeley	72	Sears	4,100
BPB Ind	213	Hillsdown	2,300	Sedgwick Gp	655
BPCC	1,300	Imp Chem Ind	910	Shell	3,500
Br Aerospace	1,300	Imp Cont Gas	283	Smith & Nephew	5,300
Br Airways	—	Jaguar	775	STC	1,000
Br Gas	15,000	Lasmo	198	Stan Chart	235
Br Petroleum	1,700	Land Securities	7,300	Storehouse	4,600
Br Telecom	3,000	Legal & Gen	802	Sun Alliance	32
Brifoil	9,400	Lloyds	138	Tarmac	853
Bunzl	712	Lonhro	319	TSB P/P	6,200
Burton	917	Marks & Spencer	8,400	Tesco	1,900
Cable & Wireless	2,500	MEPC	2,100	Thorn EMI	415
Cadbury Schwep	1,800	Midland	558	Trafalgar House	630
Coats Viyella	488	Nat West	473	Trusthouse Forte	660
Com Union	1,600	P & O Dfrd	914	Unigate	56
Cons Goldfields	654	Pearson	719	Unilever	87
Cookson Gp	837	Pilkington Bros	50	Utd Biscuits	512
Courtaulds	1,700	Plessey	413	Wellcome	2,700
Dee Corp	1,400	Prudential	312	Willis Faber	191
Dixons Gp	7,200	Racal Elect	1,500	Whitbread 'A'	820
English China	571	Rank Org	524	Woolworth	9,900
Fisons	135	Rank Hovis	621	See prices page 25	

WALL STREET

Dow moves lower on early profit-taking

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street share prices moved lower early yesterday as profit-taking and a bout of futures-related selling nearer the opening pressured the market.

Volume was light as many investors opted to remain on the sidelines ahead of this week's triple expirations.

The Dow Jones Industrial average, down as much as 17 points at one stage, moderated its decline to 12.92 at 2,245.74 when the transport indicator was down 4.48 at 930.84 and the utilities average 1.38 lower at 215.17.

Declining shares led advancing issues by a three-to-one margin on volume of 35 million shares.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index lost 1.10 to 164.21.

	Mar 13	Mar 12		Mar 13	Mar 12		Mar 13	Mar 12
AMR Cp	58¼	57¼	Firestone	35½	35½	Pepsico	35	35¾
ASA	47¾	48¾	Fst Chicago	31½	31½	Pfizer	73¾	73¾
Aetna Life	67½	67¾	Fst Int Bncp	58¼	58½	Phelps Dod	30¾	31½
Allied Signal	47¾	47½	Fst Penn C	10¾	10¾	Philip Mor	85	85¾
Allis Chalm	2¾	2¾	FT Hachva	46¼	46¼	Philip Pet	14¼	14¼
Alcoa	43¾	43¾	Ford Motor	79¾	81¼	Pollurod	70¾	71¼
Amax Inc	18¾	19¼	GAF Cp	43¾	43¾	Procr Gble	92¾	92¾
AMR Hess	29¾	30	GTE Cp	41¼	41¾	Pub Svc Eg	41¾	41¾
Am Brands	49¼	48	Gen Cp	87¼	86	Raytheon	77¾	77¾
Am Can	48¼	94½	Gn Dynam	77	76¾	Rynlds Met	56¾	56¼
Am Cynmd	96¾	94	Gen Elect	105¼	106½	Rockwell Int	54¾	54¾
Am Ele Pwr	28¼	28¼	Gen Inst	26¾	27¼	Royal Dutch	112¾	112¾
Amex	77¾	79½	Gen Mills	53¾	53¾	SFE Sopac	34¼	35¼
Am Home	90¾	91½	Gen Motors	77¾	78	Sara Lee	43½	42¾
Am Motors	4¼	4¼	Gen Pub Ut	26¾	26¼	Schlumb	37¾	37¾
Am Stand	47¾	47¾	Genesco	5	4¾	Scott Pap	79¼	79¾
Am Telph	23¾	24½	Georgia Pac	49¾	50½	Seagram	71¾	72¾
Amoco Cp	76¾	76½	Gillette	59¾	59½	Sears Roeb	52¾	52¾
Armco Steel	7¾	7¾	Goodrich	56¾	56¾	Shell Trans	76	75¾
Asarco Inc	20¾	20¾	Goodyear	53¾	53¾	Singer	46¾	46¾
Ashland Oil	66¼	66½	Gould Inc	17¾	17¾	Smithkln Bk	112¾	112¾
Atl Richfld	73¾	72¾	Grace Co	60¾	60¾	Sony Cp	21¾	21¾
Avco Prod	30¾	30¼	Grt Atl Pac	31¾	31¾	Sth Cal Ed	33¾	33¾
Bk Boston	34	34	Greyhnd	35¾	35¾	SW Bell	116¾	116¾
Bankt NY	42¾	42½	Grumman	28¼	28¾	Std Oil	60¾	60¾
Bankamer	12¾	12¾	Gulf & West	30¾	31	Stwrl Drug	53¾	54¾
Bkrs Tst NY	47	47¾	Heinz	47¾	48¼	Stevens Jp	41¾	41¾
Beth Steel	7¼	7¾	Hercules	59¾	60¾	Sun Comp	58¾	58¾
Boeing	52¼	52¾	Hewlett Pk	57¾	55¾	TRW Inc	99¾	100
Boise Casc	77¾	79¼	Honeywell	68¼	69¼	Teledyne	336¼	335¾
Borden	57	57¾	IC Ind	29¾	30¾	Tennco	48¾	48¾
Borg Warnr	41¾	41¾	ITT Cp	63¾	64	Texaco	34¾	34¾
Brist Myer	99½	98¾	INCO	15¾	15¾	Tex Eastn	34¾	35¼
BP	51½	52¾	Ingersoll	77¾	78¾	Tex Inst	164	165¾
Brunswick	42¾	43¾	Inland Steel	23¾	23¾	Tex Util	34¾	34¾
Burl Ind	47½	46¼	IBM	144¾	144¼	Textron	65¾	66
Burl Nth	87¾	86¾	Int Paper	97¼	98	Travelers	50¾	51¼
CBS	154¾	156¾	Irving Bk	48¾	48¾	UAL Inc	59¾	60¾
CPC Int	48½	48¾	Jhan & Jhan	88¾	88¾	USG	41¼	41
CSX Cp	33¾	34	K Mart Cp	62	61¾	USX Cp	26	24¾
Campbell Sp	86¾	85¾	Kaiser Alum	17	16¾	Universe NV	261½	259¾
Can Pacific	18	18¾	Kerr McGee	32¼	31¾	Un Carbide	29¾	28¼
Caterpillar	46¾	46¾	Kimbl Clark	113	114¼	Un Pac Cp	74¼	74¾
Centrl SW	34¾	34¼	Kroger	34¾	35¼	Unisys Cp	99¾	101¼
Champion	37¾	38¾	LTV Cp	2¾	2¾	Utd Brands	46¾	46¾
Chase Man	38¾	38¾	Litton	82¾	83¼	Utd Tech	52¾	52¾
Chem NY	44¾	45¼	Lockheed	51¼	51	Unocal	33¼	33
Chevron	52¼	52¼	Lucky Str	30¾	30¾	Walter Jim	56¾	57¼
Chrysler	53¾	54¼	Man H'nwr	44¾	45	Warn Lamb	75	74
Citicorp	52	52¾	Manville	2¾	2¾	Wells Far	52	52
Clark Eq	26	25½	Mapco	62¼	62¾	Westg El	64¾	65¼
Coca Cola	47¾	47¾	Marine Mid	50¾	51	Weyerhsr	53¾	55¼
Colgate	47¼	46¼	Mt Marieta	48¾	47	Whirlpool	38¼	39¾
Columb Gas	52	52¼	Masco	38¼	38	Woolworth	47¾	48¾
Comb'n Eng	36¾	36¼	Mcdonalds	76¾	78	Xerox Cp	72¾	73¾
Cmwlth Ed	36¾	36¾	McDonnell	78	78¾	Zenith	24¾	25¾
Cons Edis	44¾	44¾	Mead Cp	69¾	69			
Cn Nat Gas	35¾	36¼	Merck	153	156½			
Cons Pwr	16¾	17¾	Minnie Mng	124¼	124¾			
Cont Data	29¾	28¾	Mobil	45¼	44¾			
Corning Gl	66	62¾	Monsanto	79¾	78¾			
Crane	43	42¾	Morgan Jp	45	45¾			
Curtiss Wrt	61	60¾	Motorola	49¾	51¼			
Data Genl	35¼	35¼	NCR	63¾	64¾			
Deere Co	27¾	28¼	NL Indstrs	5¾	5¾			
Delta Air	58¾	60¼	Nat Distil	62¾	63			
Detroit Ed	17¾	17¾	Nat Mid Ent	27¾	27¾			
Digital Eq	163¾	165¾	Nat Semi	14½	14¾			
Disney	59¾	60¾	Norfolk Sth	96¾	96¾			
Dow Chem	81¼	81¾	NW Bancrp	38¾	40¾			
Dresser Ind	27	27	Occid Petl	31½	31			
Dupont	107½	108¾	Ogden Cp	67¼	66¾			
Duke Pwr	46¾	46½	Olin Cp	49	48½			
East Kodak	75¾	74¾	Owens Il	60¾	60¾			
Eaton Cp	61¾	62	PPG Ind	43¾	67¾			
Emerson El	104½	105	Pac Gas El	24½	24¾			
Emery Air	12¾	13	Pan Am	4¼	4¾			
Exxon	82¾	83¼	Penney JC	98	98¾			
Fed Dpt Sts	84½	83¾	Pennzoil	79¾	79¾			



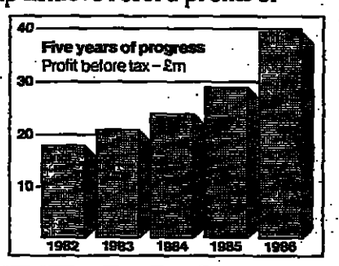
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Profit before tax	39.4	29.7	+32.7%
Earnings per share	17.2p	12.4p	+38.6%
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Big Bang fallout

Three equity salesmen from L Messel, the stockbroker owned by American giant Shearson Lehman, were "asked to leave" yesterday in the latest post-Big Bang shake-out. The men have not yet been named but Jacques Gelardin, London chairman of Shearson, insists that their departure is "performance related" and denies "categorically" that Messel is about to follow in the footsteps of Greenwell's and pull out of equity market making altogether. "We have been and continue to operate in the black," he says, "but, like most other firms, we are taking an inventory of different sectors. It is possible that we may specialise in certain sectors and in certain stocks within those sectors but it will not necessarily result in job losses overall. We will just be refocusing our efforts on the more profitable areas." Gelardin confirmed that Messel has also decided to do away with specialist salesmen.



"Do you think he'll introduce any tax incentives to couples who've decided to live together forever?"

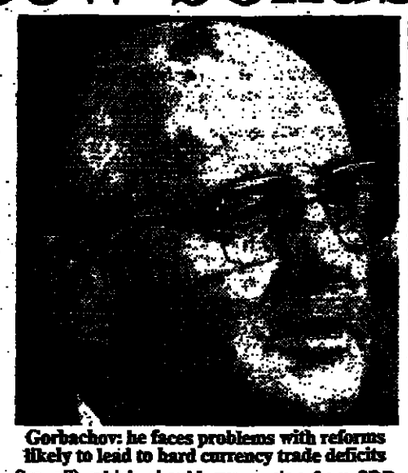
Great minds

Is Schroders, the merchant bank, paying Hill Samuel a royalty fee, I wonder? Some of the phraseology in Wardle Storey's offer document for Chamberlain Phipps, drawn up by Schroders, bears a remarkable similarity to the company's offer document for RFD Group, written by Hill Samuel a year ago. In both documents identical paragraphs explain why Wardle Storey is making the respective offers. "The markets which the two groups serve share many characteristics – in particular, they are specialised and highly competitive and require products to be made to very demanding specifications," say both documents. Perhaps it is just coincidence.

Carol Leonard

IN THE MARKET

New sterling role and Moscow bonds for all?



Gorbachov: he faces problems with reforms likely to lead to hard currency trade deficits



Poehl of the Bundesbank: Germany has big role in the move away from Reaganomics

The Budget speech, Whitehall's annual spring revival of Pennies from Heaven, takes place today. The Chancellor normally enjoys the show. He has a good speaking part, and better lines than ever this year. Be warned, though. Central bankers are the real stage-managers of these occasions.

Last week, the Bank of England conducted an interesting experiment. Sterling was appreciating, money rates were falling and gilt prices were soaring – a truly virtuous circle. The Bank started tinkering with this structure by simultaneously selling sterling and lightening its gilts' portfolio. Money markets were oversupplied with credit, so that rates fell faster than expectations.

The result was stunning. Sterling dropped like a stone. Nothing too worrying about that, the bulls snorted; we want our rate cuts and we are going to get them. That is why the gilts market goes into the Budget fully discounting a one-point cut in base rates to 9½ per cent. To the bulls, some exchange rate slippage is a small price to pay for gratifying traders' expectations.

This kind of reasoning recalls the worst excesses of Reaganomics. As the New York bond market simmers down, giving every appearance of being managed, London continues to suck in hot money, as, indeed, do the old Commonwealth countries like Canada and Australia.

London seems, at times, like the embattled stronghold of an ancient, proscribed cult, as the world adjusts to a new, tougher order. The difficulty faced by the Chancellor today lies in reconciling the heady hopes built into gilt prices with the rugged realities of a changing world.

Already there is talk of secret Anglo-German currency pacts. The central rate agreed for sterling against the mark is thought to be around DM2.90. Sterling traded close to this point on Monday and its proximity to agreed support levels may constrain the Chancellor's base rate-cutting intentions.

This could be a part of an evolving role for sterling. Britain is starting to come under some pressure to resume reserve currency status, something which it deliberately abandoned in the mid-seventies with the run-down of the sterling balances.

The arguments in favour of sterling's resuming this role are coherent. Britain has the experience; it has the forum, in the shape of the London markets, and it has a range of overseas assets (post North Sea oil) which should guarantee some support for sterling. The drawbacks are considerable. Domestic inflation needs to be carefully managed and the economy is expected to be run in such a way that current account deficits do not mushroom.

Any move by Britain to allow sterling to return to reserve currency status, at least in some localized European form, should enjoy the support of Germany, which does not have a fully-developed market structure for intermediating between international savers and borrowers. This could be the *quid pro quo* for German support for sterling, even though Britain remains outside the core of the European Monetary System.

Reassessment of sterling's international role could well be linked to the current struggle between Italy and Britain over the composition of G5 membership. Group of Five membership consists of the US, Britain, Japan, Germany and France. During the Paris meeting of G5 and G7 last month the Italians, who belong only to G7, stormed out on the grounds that they, rather than Britain, should occupy the fifth G5 seat; the Italian economy was larger.

This may seem an academic point. Italy, for example, is poised to make its point more forcibly by factoring into its gross domestic production estimate the black economy, reckoned to be worth nearly a sixth of Italian output. But the underlying significance of the row is substantial.

Membership of G5 would mean the lira became part of the International Monetary Fund's currency basket, the Special Drawing Right. The SDR imprimatur automatically improves the standing of the relevant currency.

By the same token, exclusion from SDR status, which is a conceptual possibility for Britain, would confer on sterling a status similar to the Australian dollar. Money rates in Australia are currently around 18 per cent and they are market, not policy, determined.

It is difficult to imagine Germany blocking Italian membership of G5. Italy is a good European; it is also a full member of the EMS. This is more than can be said for Britain, which has made no secret of its scepticism about Germany's currency bloc.

Putting together both the possibility of sterling becoming yet again a reserve currency and the fact of Italian G5 ambitions provides a little of the outline of the new world order. It is one in which Germany plays a leading role and one based far more on order and stable returns than Reaganomics ever was.

It is tempting to build two other elements into the new equation, notably the continuing scale of Japanese trade surpluses and Russia's estimated hard currency indebtedness during the late 1980s.

Key points to grasp about the Japanese surpluses are first that they cannot decline quickly and, secondly, that they are becoming closer to Europe. In February, Japan's surplus with the European Community was a shock $2 billion (£1.26 billion) as Tokyo arguably switched trade away from a protectionist USA towards a more reflationist Europe.

Meanwhile, the Gorbachov reforms are not going as smoothly as he would wish. The new Russian five-year plan (1986-90) will lead to substantial hard currency trade deficits in the early years. Russia is short also of long-term capital. In an unpublished study, Stephen Lewis of Phillips and Drew estimates that between 1986 and 1990, Russia's balance of payments financing will amountto some $4 billion a year, on average, a requirement which should double Russia's hard currency indebtedness over the period.

In German eyes, including those of Dr Otto Poehl, president of the Bundesbank, the problems posed by Japan's destabilizing surpluses must admit of a fairly easy solution linking Japanese surpluses with Russian deficits. The net effect of recycling Tokyo hot money in this way would be to curb the chronic currency squalls which Germany and Britain have suffered. It would help also to open up the last great consumer market still to be developed.

One route which the recycling could take might be through Russian membership of the International Monetary Fund. As Lewis points out, there could be a substantial political dimension to the IMF decision. Fixing Russia's IMF quota, and hence voting power, might create problems. The rouble would also need to assure convertability. These may have started to surface already.

First Deputy US Secretary of Trade, Mr John Whitehead, stated last week that he would like to see Russia become a member of all international bodies, including, it is understood, the IMF and the World Bank.

But there is a quicker route – Moscow Bonds, which could be sold in London to international investors. It could be difficult for the British authorities to refuse to allow London to be opened up as an international market in this way, expecially if sterling had already reverted in some sense to reserve currency status. Fears that Italy might supplant the UK at the G5 top table could help to concentrate policy-makers minds.

The Chancellor may have a lot to give the voters this afternoon. But parts of his story may be more cautionary than he would like. Central bankers always win out in the end.

Christopher Dunn

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Gambling Chancellor and the shrewd PM

Today's Budget promises to be unique. Unlike any other within living memory it is confidently expected not to inflict positive damage on any category of taxpayer: any disappointments will be relative.

By a mixture of good fortune and good management Nigel Lawson is an enviable position – and at a time when thoughts of a general election are at the front of the Parliamentary and public mind. Whether the election is early or later, this is the last major Budget of the present Parliament, a fact of which the Chancellor and his own and other parties are acutely aware. He is not a man to waste his greatest opportunity. And if his own political instincts are not as finely honed as those of some ministerial colleagues, the Budget, both in shape and detail, will carry the stamp of Thatcher approval.

The Prime Minister's political sense, combined with her Chancellor's gambling streak, is eminently capable, in the current financial and economic climate of producing something sensational.

The central statistic is the "fiscal adjustment" – the sum which in vulgar parlance the Chancellor has "to give away." The popular guess is £5 billion, which has inspired calls for a mixture of fiscal prudence – using £2 billion to reduce Government borrowing – and twopence off the basic rate of income tax, currently 29p in the pound. But it could be more.

The argument is that former would prepare the way for much lower interest rates, having already taken acount of last week's half-point cut in bank base rates and another half point today, while the latter would help the Conservative cause.

Somehow this smacks more of City theorizing than the meat of pre-election politics. Mr Lawson will certainly have been strongly tempted to go for the goal of 25p in the pound, especially since the Tories have lost their passion for raising tax threshholds. After the Chancellor has spoken, the bankers, investors and savers of the world will have one essential basis on which to make practical judgements about sterling, interest yields and likely British economic performance. Their view of Mrs Thatcher's chances of winning next time.

Tesco's progress

Yesterday's profits forecast which accompanied Tesco's formal offer for Hillards, showed the extent of Tesco's progress since Ian McLaurin initiated his plans for change.

Profits, at £166 million, are at the top end of analysts' forecasts. Along with £9 million of property profits, the £175 million grand total compares with £123 million last time. But it is the margin on sales, a full percentage point gain to 4.6 per cent, which underscores the improving quality of the group's income. In the main supermarket league, this is still some way from Sainsbury's 6 per cent plus but Tesco is closing the gap fast.

The improvement stems from a number of factors. First, the efficiencies which come from extensive work done on distribution recently. Second, the growing share of the higher margin fresh produce market. Also paying off handsomely is the group's accelerating programme of store openings. Last year some 450,000 sq ft of net selling space was added. The gain of 6 per cent in space terms translates into a gain of 9 per cent in sales terms with new outlets that are bigger and more attractive than the Group's earlier units. Tesco expects to add some 540,000 sq ft of space and follow up with perhaps 650,000 sq ft in the next trading period.

This year should see an advance to perhaps £205 million before tax, with Tesco's market rating improving as a result.

A door inches open

Like Germany and Japan before it, the Government in Seoul is now gradually loosening the screws. To a much greater degree than its more confident predecessors, however, this besieged outpost of free enterprise is opening its financial doors to the world with extreme caution. The launch of the Korea-Europe Fund yesterday marks an important new step in the second phase of a four-stage plan to open the country's capital market to the outside world.

The $30 million closed end investment trust, registered in Guernsey, based in London and to be quoted on the Stock Exchange, will enable European investors (chiefly institutions) to invest indirectly in the $13 billion Korean stock market. It is the counterpart to the Korea Fund launched in New York in 1984, which proved sufficiently popular to be expanded to $100 million last year, such is the appeal of Korea's booming electrical, electronic and car exporters.

Direct portfolio investment by foreigners is still some way off. The new fund itself will face a number of restrictions, including a limit of 3 per cent of the equity of any company, which means it could only invest $800,000 in the twenty-fifth most active stock on the Korean Stock Exchange.

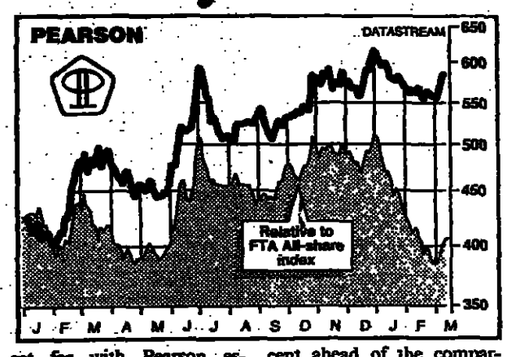
But fear of foreign domination (there is no fund for the Japanese) has also restricted share ratings in Seoul well below those typical for more open ecomomies in the Far East. After a rise of two-thirds in the share index last year, share prices on average still rose only from 5.7 to 9 times earnings. After a further rise of a third this year, lately in anticipation of the new money, Korean stocks still look relatively cheap and their is undoubtedly a pent-up demand to invest beyond companies with international convertible issues such as Samsung.

Baring Brothers, which is co-leading the issue with Korea's Ssangyong Investment, has opted for a Eurobond style placing through an underwriting and lead management syndicate. Otherwise, London might well have scooped the issue, since the US Korea Fund shares stand at a hefty premium to underlying assets. As it is, Stock Exchange rules will limit British investors to 50 per cent.

Investors will not expect a calm ride. Along with the military impasse and the political risk of a move in the direction of democracy next year, Korean industry faces the threat of US protection or the alternative pressure to revalue the once-unloved won. The Seoul Olympics could show Korea emerging into the world or become an embarrassment. But with expected growth of 8-10 per cent this year after 12 per cent in 1986, the potential rewards should overcome caution.

TEMPUS

Leaner, fitter Pearson ready to fight off any hostile bidder



While claiming to be on friendly terms with its leading shareholders, Pearson is not taking any chances. It is making sure that it has plenty of arrows in its quiver to defend itself if hostilities break out.

Last year's results showed a leaner, fitter group with a focused strategy. However, the progress made year on year was minimal if adjustments are made for "funnies" such as property profits, lower pension fund costs, the absence of Goldcrest provisions and adverse currency movements.

Cost savings are going hand in hand with the building up of acknowledged areas of excellence. Newspaper and book publishing and fine china are the principal areas to benefit.

Success in the investment banking triumvirate has been assured by the underlying strength of world equity markets but the Lazard philosophy of concentrating on market niches where margins rather than volume are a priority is paying dividends. Expansion opportunities are being sought in the Far East.

A good management team is expected to keep the oil business in the black despite the difficult market.

The balance sheet is stronger – gearing is now 16 per cent – so acquisitions will continue to be made especially in the US and particularly in the oil sector.

The Pearson portfolio of businesses must be among the most prestigious. There is no allowance for goodwill in the asset valuation although this is obviously considerable. Conservative estimates value the business at about 600p, although some enthusiasts have come out with a figure more than 60 per cent higher. Whatever that may be, all agree that it is much higher than the net tangible asset figure of 216p expected to be published in the 1986 accounts.

A hostile bidder, especially a foreign one, is unlikley to get far with Pearson especially since the underlying prospects for the business are improving. It is now not difficult to justify the current rating on fundamentals. On forecasts of £135 million for this year rising to £150 million next, the shares are still worth holding.

Meggitt Holdings

The argument that two and two will make five which is put forward to support every merger, bid and contested takeover has been supported by the results of the Meggitt Holdings engineering group which in September finally fought its way to ownership of Bestobell.

Meggitt's figures are now drawn up to the end of December, to accommodate Bestobell's auditing requirements, and show that Meggitt has gained the critical mass that its architects, the managing director, Mr Ken Coates and the finance director, Mr Nigel McCorkell, need to build the company into a major force in British engineering.

The pretax profits for the 14 months were £13,533,000 against £6,899,000 for the 12 months to the end of October, 1985, with both the original Meggitt, and Bestobell hitting the forecasts made during the contested bid last year.

On a 12-month basis the equivalent profit would have been £11,599,000, or 68 per cent ahead of the comparative profit for 1985.

The question of where Meggitt goes from here is simply answered. The company is concentrating on its British, European and American interests. Bestobell still needs some work and acquisitions remain part of the strategy.

Finance should be no problem as the company is now sitting on cash – all gearing disappeared after the year end. With a historic p/e of 23 on an annualized basis, following yesterday's jump of 7p to 176p in the share price, Meggitt paper is the obvious weapon of expansion.

The BTR holding of 22 per cent, which would cause many chairmen to look over their shoulders for a possible bid is regarded as a friendly investment by Meggitt, and one which could lead to some interesting opportunities to fill in some gaps if Sir Owen Greene's expansion programme leaves him with engineering bits that do not fit his own strategy.

BSR Int

BSR International is at last beginning to look like a plausible investment. The days of extraordinary losses should be something from the past. The rough edges of the business have been knocked off. The balance sheet is respectable, and profits, which BSR has only been able to report for three out of the last five years, look like being here to stay.

The first real evidence of its better health came yesterday with 1986 results showing a swing from a previous £7.4 million loss into a £11.7 million profit, essentially due to a much improved performance within the electronics division.

Housewares moved into the black, with an even stronger British contribution likely this year, and if BSR was earlier thinking of selling off its Swan brands interests, it is now sufficiently confident that it has a handle on previous problems to want to expand.

BSR must have spent much more than £60 million since 1982 in restructuring its interests, and has won and lost investment confidence several times. But the 1986 balance sheet showing gearing clipped from 61.5 per cent to 31.4 per cent – which is reduced to a mere 4.2 per cent after yesterday's sale of the outstanding 40 per cent in Tenby Industries for £16.2 million – gives BSR financial opportunities it has not enjoyed for years.

The growth opportunities within power supplies and cellular radio, with the emphasis from here on higher margins, should flow through to the profit and loss line in 1987. This suggests that pretax profits this year should reach the £17 million level. The dividend, raised yesterday from 2.4p to 2.7p a share, should rise again.

The reaction to yesterday's results, with the shares marked down by 8p to 112p, suggests that BSR has yet to convince the market that the profits recovery is here to stay. The shares were up at 315p each in 1984 in the belief that the bad days were over, only to fall to 45p in mid-1985.

However, the prospective price earnings ratio of 11.2 is hardly demanding for a group which has cleared the decks, and looks poised for growth. Buy on weakness.

SKF

Financial statement, 1986

SKF Group sales for the year ending 31 December 1986 totalled 19,967 million Swedish kronor as against 19,758 million in 1985. Income after financial income and expense amounted to 1,457 million kronor (1,376), which as a percentage of sales was an improvement from 7.0% to 7.3%.

	Jan-Dec 86	Jan-Dec 85
Sales (MSkr)	19,967	19,758
Operating income (MSkr)	1,525	1,389
Income after financial income and expense (MSkr)	1,457	1,376
Capital expenditure (MSkr)	1,055	788
Earnings per share (kronor)	32.75	36.95
Proposed dividend (kronor)	11.00	10.00

The business climate improved for the third year in succession. Greater spending power among the general public was to a large degree targeted on consumer durables. As a result, the demand for SKF products increased in the relevant manufacturing industries. While this benefited Group sales volumes, the effect on income was more restricted due to continuous heavy pressure from competitors.

Growth of the cutting tools market in 1986 was insignificant. In the business area for component systems, sales improved satisfactorily.

Capital expenditure on plant and equipment during the year totalled 1,055 million kronor (788). Work was started on two large projects aimed at increasing SKF manufacturing capacity.

In the market condifions currently prevailing, SKF expects the combined sales of its three main business areas – which no longer include steel operations – to be largely on par with total Group turnover in 1986. Income for 1987 should also be commensurate with that of 1986.

The Board recommends a dividend of 11.00 kronor per share (10.00).

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 April 1987 (see later announcement).

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

International talks begin on cocoa pact

Cocoa-producing and consuming nations opened talks in London yesterday in search of an accord on the running of a buffer stock intended to smooth out price fluctuations. World production exceeds consumption by about 60,000 tonnes, maintaining downward pressure on prices.

The talks, scheduled to last two weeks, closely follow an unsuccessful attempt to reintroduce quotas for coffee exports. Cocoa-growing nations, many of which also grow coffee, saw coffee prices slump when no quota deal emerged, and want to avoid a similar drop for cocoa.

The outlook for cocoa appears more favourable. Agreement was reached last summer on a new pact, and the talks concern operating details.

D'Abo joins Crowther



Mrs Jennifer D'Abo may find her way back into Stormgard, the company she quit last month in a boardroom split. She has joined John Crowther, the clothing group, as a design consultant.

Crowther is regarded as a possible bidder for Stormgard, which came to prominence when Mrs D'Abo (right), chairman of Ryman, spearheaded its takeover of Selincourt, makers of fashion wear and fabrics.

Hodgson buys Wigley

Two funeral directors have announced acquisitions. Hodgson Holdings has agreed to pay £415,000 for WH Wigley of London. This is the 11th acquisition made by Hodgson since its flotation, increasing its annual turnover by more than 60 per cent. Great Southern Group, which is listed on the USM, acquired two more funeral directors, Gerald Burden of Amesbury and Crews & Sons of Exmouth, for a combined total of £368,000. These purchases are a prelude to several more planned acquisitions by GSG, the majority of which are concentrated in the South-west.

Weather hits building sales

Sales of building materials were hit by January's severe weather, according to the latest survey from the Builders Merchants Federation. Nationally, sales for the month were 6 per cent down on January 1986. Nearly all regions indicated a drop, with East Anglia down 14.5 per cent.

Job-related incentives

Britain's introduction of job-related incentives within a year of them being announced was a significant change in the incentive package offered to businesses in the regions, according to a survey published by Strathclyde University's Centre for the Study of Public Policy yesterday.

Foreign lift for cranes

The Far East is a growing market for British cranes, according to Davey Morris, the Loughborough manufacturer. Work has begun on a £4 million contract for ship-to-shore cranes in Hong Kong. The 102-year -old company, which has a workforce of 550, and is now part of the Davy Corporation, is also working on a £2.75 million order for China.

Chamberlain rejects £44m bid by Wardle

By Michael Tate

Chamberlain Phipps, the shoe parts to adhesives group fighting a £44.5 million takeover bid from Wardle Storeys, is forecasting a £650,000 increase in profits to £5.75 million for the year ending March 31, and a 17 per cent rise in the dividend to 4.75p a share. Earnings are expected to improve from 6.87p to 8.9p a share.

The profit forecast is accompanied by a formal rejection of the three-for-10 share exchange offer from Wardle Storeys, the plastic and safety equipment group, which the Chamberlain board describes as "totally unacceptable."

The rejection document adds that "Wardle Storeys has nothing to contribute to the strength and value of the business. The bid has no industrial logic. It is merely a financial exercise designed to benefit the existing Wardle Storeys shareholders."

Mr David Chamberlain, the Chamberlain chairman, says that the company has maintained its strong market condition in the shoe components division while eliminating the few remaining problem areas.

Mr Brian Taylor, managing director of Wardle Storeys, later described the profit forecast as "disappointing," and criticised the proposed increase in dividend.

Wardle Storeys' terms value each Chamberlain share at 130p, and even with the 2.9p special dividend which the bidder says it would pay, they fall some way short of yesterday's stock market price of 140p.

COMPANY NEWS

● **PERPETUAL:** The company is applying for a listing on the Stock Exchange by means of a placing of 6,250,000 shares of 10p each at 180p per share. Dealings are expected to start on Thursday. Perpetual is capitalized at £45 million at the placing price.

● **AYER HITAM:** The company proposes to increase its authorized capital from the present 7 million shares to 50 million shares of Ringgit1 each by the creation of an additional 43 million shares. It also proposes a bonus issue of 6.1 million new shares through the capitalization of R6.1 million or £1.5 million.

● **TALBEX GROUP:** Further to the placing of 28,944,774 shares at 5p per ordinary share at par and the related open offer to shareholders in respect of 14,472,387 shares, a total of 12,884,457 shares have been subscribed by shareholders.

● **TYNE TEES TELEVISION HOLDINGS:** Year to December 31 (15 months to December 31, 1985). Final dividend 15p making 18.75p (13.125p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 51,454 (60,529). Channel 4 subscription 8,323, profit before tax 4,208 (3,188), tax 1,615 (1,534), eps 51.35p (32.76p). The chairman welcomed the Government's decision to extend television franchises by three years and expressed optimism about the company's future.

● **GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS:** The company has sold the whole of issued share capital of Clachan Construction to a company owned by senior members of the Clachan management. None of the purchasers of the shares were directors of Clachan. Net assets of Clachan at December 31 totalled £161,459. The consideration is £106,000.

● **BAKER PERKINS:** APV Holdings has received acceptances in respect of 17,143,340 Baker ordinary shares (40.8 per cent) and 290,518 preference (69.2 per cent) shares. All conditions of the ordinary offer other than that relating to the level of acceptances have now been fulfilled or waived.

● **BERISFORD:** Ferguson Industrial Holdings owns or has received acceptances in respect of a total of 4,846,017 Berisford ordinary shares (about 88.4 per cent). All other coditions of the offer having been satisfied or waived, the offer has been declared unconditional in all respects.

● **BOND CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL:** Nine months to December 31. Dividend nil (no comparison), net loss $11.49 million.

Erskine House makes new Texas purchase

By Michael Tate

Erskine House, the fast-expanding office equipment group, is strengthening its interests in Texas with the $16 million (£10.1 million) acquisition of Mirex Corporation.

Mirex, which leases, sells and services Ricoh photocopiers in Houston, has hoisted profits from $6,000 in 1983, its first year of operation, to $1.4 million in 1986.

The deal comes only six months after Erskine House agreed to pay up to $15 million (£9.5 million)for the Zeno Group, a Sharp photocopier dealer based at Dallas.

Of the $16 million Mirex purchase price, $15 million will be paid in cash. The balance will be satisfied by the issue of 312,989 Erskine House shares to Mirex's president and chief executive officer, Mr Dennis Berman, who founded the business and will stay on to run it.

The deal values Erskine House shares at 201.6p, and prompted a 12p rise in the market price to 213p yesterday.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Barbour Indx (215p)	345 –5
Br Airways (ss)	124 –2
Capital radio (105p)	166 +3
Dale Group (110p)	131 +1
Forward Gp (125p)	136
Geest (125p)	225
Glentree (16p)	48 +3
Gordon Russell (190p)	241
Halls Homes (95p)	173 +3
Hewetson (70p)	90 –1
Hobson Pub (250p)	365 +10
Hornby (100p)	105 –2
JSB Elec (115p)	136 +1
Johnson Fry (150p)	181
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	195 –1
Lon & Metro (145p)	215
MIL (144p)	190 +3
Misys PLC (95p)	133 –2
Mayborn (102p)	131 +3
Nobo (152p)	172 +1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	146
Prism Leisure (120p)	153
RCO (95p)	101
Regina H Beauty (20p)	42 +2
Sanders Sydney (100p)	142
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	253 +2
Sinclair G S (90p)	100 +1
Thornton G W (135p)	171 –1
TSB Group (100p)	77¾ –¼
Virgin (140p)	175½ +1½
Ward Group (97p)	129 +1
Wilson Bowden (130p)	140 –2

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Allebone N/P	17 –1
Burgess F/P	258 +5
City Site Est N/P	£12
Cookson F/P	550 +5
Cannon St F/P	228 +1
Widney N/P	10 +1
Wiggins F/P	169 –2

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 16/3/87 Norfolk Cap., Normans Group, Laing Props., Telbex, Blackwood Hodge, KCA Drilling, BSG, Amstrad, Martin Ford, Charterhall, Blacks Leisure, Riley Leisure, Cattles Holdings, Cosalt, BSR, Barratt Dev., Pewon, Hyman, H Marshall, Rothmans, Next, HJ Glitck, Laura Ashley, Fogarty, Atlantic Sangers, Morgan Grenfell, Hill & Smith, BETEC, British Secs., Rwtn., Rotaprint, Combined Technology, Property Trust, Ferranti, Minet, London Secs., Great Portland, Pepe Group, TSL Group, Virgin Group, Kwik-Fit, Stakis, Williams Secs.

Puts: London Secs., Conroy Pets.

Puts & Calls: Transwood, Rothmans.

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
232	180	Abelscot Group	217	227	–8
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	32	35	+1
120	112	Allied Insurnce	107	117	n/c
54	36	Catalyst Commercial	45	49	+1½
68	24	Corton Beach	63	68	+1
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	38	40	–1
41	8	Do. Warrants	19	21	–3
24	17	Publishing Holdings	24	26	n/c
55	46	Theme Holdings	51	54	+1
133	117	Unit Group	114	120	–2

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	90.20	90.30	90.20	90.24	440
Jun 87	90.78	90.81	90.74	90.75	2922
Sep 87	90.96	91.00	90.94	90.95	994
Dec 87	90.99	90.99	90.95	90.95	227
Mar 88	90.84	90.84	90.78	90.78	17
Jun 88	NT	—	—	90.59	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.39	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.25	0

Previous day's total open interest 24727

Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 87	93.51	93.52	93.50	93.50	823
Jun 87	93.58	93.58	93.55	93.55	3389
Sep 87	93.59	93.59	93.56	93.58	736
Dec 87	93.52	93.52	93.50	93.50	98
Mar 88	NT	—	—	93.37	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	93.19	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	92.99	0
Dec 88	92.78	92.78	92.76	92.76	10

Previous day's total open interest 27461

US Treasury Bond					
Mar 87	101-26	101-26	101-16	101-15	214
Jun 87	100-17	100-19	100-09	100-09	1191
Sep 87	NT	—	—	99-07	0

Previous day's total open interest 3334

Short Gilt					
Mar 87	NT	—	—	102-09	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 64

Long Gilt					
Mar 87	122-17	122-18	122-16	122-17	206
Jun 87	123-00	123-00	122-22	122-25	10184
Sep 87	NT	—	—	122-19	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	122-25	0
Mar 88	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 20020

FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	200.50	200.50	199.20	199.20	430
Jun 87	204.40	204.40	202.60	202.60	122

Previous day's total open interest 4976

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 16	Market rates close March 16	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5775-1.5800	1.5790-1.5800	0.58-0.53prem	1.35-1.30prem
Montreal	2.0736-2.0825	2.0764-2.0793	0.60-0.55prem	1.42-1.33prem
Amst'dam	3.2741-3.2912	3.2741-3.2785	1½-1¼prem	3¾-3⅜prem
Brussels	59.97-60.36	59.97-60.03	18-13prem	39-32prem
C'phgen	10.9371-10.9810	10.9383-10.9810	1-1¼dis	3-3¼dis
Dublin	1.0646-1.0662	1.0646-1.0656	35-42dis	84-96dis
Frankfurt	2.8983-2.9147	2.9983-2.9025	1¾-1½prem	4¼-4prem
Lisbon	223.27-224.59	223.56-224.59	46-130dis	236-352dis
Madrid	203.26-204.65	203.26-203.57	89-107dis	207-257dis
Milan	2058.09-2072.57	2058.09-2062.55	2prem-par	2prem-3dis
Oslo	10.9478-10.9651	10.9617-10.9645	3¼-4¼dis	12-12¼dis
Paris	9.6506-9.7045	9.6506-9.6678	2¼-1¾prem	4½-4prem
Stkhlm	10.1433-10.1797	10.1515-10.1690	1¾-1¾dis	2¾-3¼dis
Tokyo	238.91-240.56	239.37-239.76	1¾-1¾prem	3¾-3½prem
Vienna	20.38-20.49	20.38-20.41	11¼-10¼prem	27-24¾prem
Zurich	2.4284-2.4419	2.4362-2.4391	1¾-1¼prem	3¾-3¼prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 71.4 (day's range 71.4-71.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4114-2.4325
Australia dollar	2.2147-2.2180
Bahrain dinar	0.5930-0.5970
Brazil cruzado *	31.97-32.15
Cyprus pound	0.7690-0.7730
Finland marka	7.1225-7.1625
Greece drachma	212.00-214.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.303-12.313
India rupee	20.35-20.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4950-0.4990
Malaysia dollar	3.9755-3.9805
Mexico peso	1690-1740
New Zealand dollar	2.7916-2.7985
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9000-5.9400
Singapore dollar	3.3738-3.3776
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6350-5.7455
S Africa rand (com)	5.2963-5.3069
U A E dirham	5.7775-5.8175

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4480-1.4510
Singapore	2.1390-2.1400
Malaysia	2.5205-2.5220
Australia	0.6809-0.6814
Canada	1.3149-1.3154
Sweden	6.4325-6.4375
Norway	6.9500-6.9550
Denmark	6.9300-6.9350
West Germany	1.8416-1.8425
Switzerland	1.5420-1.5430
Netherlands	2.0820-2.0830
France	6.1300-6.1350
Japan	151.55-151.80
Italy	1309.0-1310.0
Belgium(Comm)	38.14-38.17
Hong Kong	7.8005-7.8010
Portugal	141.70-142.20
Spain	128.80-128.90
Austria	12.88-12.90

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10%
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11¼ Low 10¼
Week fixed: 10%

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 9²⁷/₃₂; 3 mnth 9¾
Selling: 2 mnth 9¹⁷/₃₂; 3 mnth 9¼

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9⅝-9²⁷/₃₂; 2 mnth 9¹⁵/₁₆-9¼
3 mnth 9¹⁵/₁₆-9⅝; 6 mnth 9²⁷/₃₂-9²⁵/₃₂

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⅛; 2 mnth 10⅛
3 mnth 10¹/₁₆; 6 mnth 9³¹/₃₂

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11¼ close 10⅛
1 week 10¹¹/₁₆-10⅝; 6 mnth 9¹¹/₁₆-9⅝
1 mnth 10⅛-10¹/₁₆; 9 mnth 9⅝-9⅜
3 mnth 9⅝-9¹²/₁₆; 12 mth 9⅝-9⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅜; 7 days 10⅜
1 mnth 9⅝; 3 mnth 9⅜
6 mnth 9⅜; 12 mth 9⅜

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10¹⁵/₁₆-10⅜; 2 mnth 10¹/₁₆-9¹⁵/₁₆
3 mnth 10-9⅝; 6 mnth 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝
9 mnth 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝; 12 mth 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10¹/₁₆-9¹⁵/₁₆; 3 mnth 9¾-9⅝
6 mnth 9⅝-9¹/₁₆; 12 mth 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝

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1 mnth 6.50-6.45; 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.30-6.25; 12 mth 6.50-6.45

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Dollar	call	6¼-5¾
7 days	1 mnth	6¼-6⅛
3 mnth	6 mnth	6¼-6⅛
Deutschemark	call	4¼-3¾
7 days	1 mnth	4¼-3¹⁵/₁₆
3 mnth	6 mnth	4¼-4
French Franc	call	8¾-7½
7 days	1 mnth	7¹⁵/₁₆-7¹³/₁₆
3 mnth	6 mnth	8¼-8
Swiss Franc	call	1¾-¾
7 days	1 mnth	4¹/₁₆-4⅛
3 mnth	6 mnth	4¼-4
Yen	call	4¾-3¾
7 days	1 mnth	4¹¹/₁₆-4¼
3 mnth	6 mnth	4¼-4⅛

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5	Elam	Drapery,Stores	
6	Westland	Motors,Aircraft	
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8	Highland Elect	Electricals	
9	Transport Dev	Industrials S-Z	
10	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
11	ML Hdgs	Industrials L-R	
12	Invergordon Distl	Breweries	
13	Blacks Leis	Drapery,Stores	
14	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
15	Sale Tilney	Industrials S-Z	
16	Guthrie	Industrials E-K	
17	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
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19	Desoutter	Industrials A-D	
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21	Chemring	Industrials A-D	
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23	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
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25	Meat Trade Supp	Foods	
26	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
27	Dawson	Textiles	
28	Brailsfwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
29	Sheetley	Industrials S-Z	
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31	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
32	Marshall (Loxley)	Industrials L-R	
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35	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
36	Int Thomson	Newspapers	
37	Premier	Oil,Gas	
38	Bryson	Oil,Gas	
39	Gr Portland	Property	
40	Mayborn	Industrials L-R	
41	Coats Viyella (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
(0345 717373 (Lines))				
Gilt & Fixed	111.7	116.1⊕	+0.6	10.16
High Inc Equity	117.0	124.4	+1.7	4.18
Wolverwide Bond	163.9	206.2⊕	+0.4	4.70
American Growth	173.9	184.9	+2.3	0.76
Asian Pacific	64.3	70.5	-0.4	1.89
Atlantic & Eterna	136.1	144.7	+0.9	1.09
Capital Reserve	69.7	70.0⊕	+0.1	1.44
Comm & Energy	128.5	136.6⊕	+3.3	0.93
European Capital	89.4	95.3	+1.4	1.28
General	122.0	129.7	+2.4	2.47
Japan	81.1	86.2	+1.0	..
UK Growth Inc	134.9	143.5	+2.5	1.98
Do Accum	136.1	207.5	+3.9	0.98
US Emerging Co's	63.6	67.6	+1.3	0.07
Equities Progress	258.6	276.0	+4.0	2.62
Majestic Acc	72.4	80.6	+0.8	2.03
American Inc	72.4	53.7⊕	+1.0	4.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793 616388 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	273.9	290.3⊕	+3.1	2.75
Growth & Income	169.3	179.1	+1.9	3.03
Capital Trust	238.9	253.1	+1.5	2.42
Balanced	433.8	459.6	+4.6	2.88
Accum Trust	681.4	722.3	+7.3	2.89
American Income	33.2	35.4⊕	+0.7	4.21
High Income Tst	287.2	316.0⊕	+2.1	4.13
Equity Income	169.2	179.3	+2.4	4.17
High Yield	172.9	183.0	+3.5	4.76
Govt Secs Trust	30.0	31.2	+0.1	7.82
International	101.7	108.3⊕	+1.0	0.97
Japan Fund	128.5	136.5	+1.5	0.01
Pacific Trust	208.2	221.7	+1.1	0.97
Amer Spcl Sits	72.2	76.9⊕	-0.4	1.24
Blks Of Amer Tst	228.8	243.7	+2.9	0.27
Aid Assist Value	270.0	296.7	+3.2	2.82
Conv & Gilt Tst	40.0	42.4	+0.1	5.57
Smaller Co's	160.8	170.6	+1.7	2.59
2nd Smaller Co's	201.8	213.7⊕	+3.9	1.07
Recovery Trust	101.9	107.9	+1.2	2.40
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES				
Sea Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd				
BAILLIE GIFFORD				
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY				
031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-225 6065)				
Ins Ex (22)	474.2	494.3	..	0.84
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4⊕	..	0.20
UK Ex. (31)	268.0	285.1	..	1.28
P'sal Pens Inl	670.6	700.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	223.1	234.9	..	..
BG America	184.2	196.5	+1.2	0.99
BG Energy	181.6	192.5⊕	+0.5	0.77
BG Income Growth	247.1	262.9⊕	+0.3	4.36
BG Japan	201.7	214.6	+0.5	0.00
BG Technology	197.8	210.3	+7.7	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1				
01-374 8801				
American	53.1	56.5	+0.7	1.84
Australian	24.2	25.8	-0.2	1.56
Japan & General	229.7	253.8	+3.5	0.26
High Income	54.7	58.2	+2.5	5.18
International Trust	91.1	97.0	+0.4	0.83
Income Growth Tst	99.4	93.2	+1.2	3.16
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.0	23.5⊕	+0.1	9.35
Global Markets	39.1	41.5⊕	+0.2	1.71
Special Situations	86.3	89.9	+1.9	1.67
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
America	97.5	103.1	-0.1	1.07
Aust Accum	213.2	225.6	+2.1	0.54
Do Income	150.3	159.0	+1.5	0.54
Capital	41.8	44.2⊕	+0.2	2.50
Exempt Trust	527.7	558.4	+11.5	3.52
Extra Income	91.8	97.1	+2.0	4.98
Financial	258.1	283.7	+1.8	2.54
500	229.0	242.3	+1.6	2.47
General	169.7	179.5⊂	+3.1	2.59
Gth & Fixed Inc	54.8	57.4⊕	+0.5	9.54
Japan & Gen Inc	189.7	200.7⊕	+2.1	0.00
Do Acc	191.8	202.9⊕	+2.2	0.00
Growth Accum	208.1	220.2⊕	+2.9	2.06
Income Trust	409.4	433.2⊕	+5.8	3.35
Leisure Trust	97.3	102.9	+2.1	1.50
Special Situations	177.3	187.6	+2.4	1.22
Recovery	251.9	266.5	+4.9	2.08
Trustee Fund	128.0	135.4	+1.6	2.51
Unit Tech Accum	68.9	64.4	+0.7	0.00
Do Income	59.5	63.0	+0.7	0.00
Worldwide Trust	156.0	165.0	+1.0	1.24
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 6000				
Australia	89.4	92.3	+0.3	0.39
Eastern	77.2	82.5⊕	-1.5	0.29
Equity Income	70.4	74.8	+1.3	4.70
Europe	136.4	145.1	-0.2	4.00
Exempt Trust	53.6	57.0	+0.2	4.00
Growth & Inc	74.0	78.4⊕	+0.6	2.99
Global Gth	66.9	71.1	+1.5	2.20
Japan Special	110.2	117.3⊕	+1.0	0.00
Japan Smaller	84.4	89.4⊕	+0.3	0.20
First Europe	118.9	124.3	-1.2	0.90
First Japan	98.0	93.7	-0.3	1.10
First N Amer	84.0	87.4	-0.5	1.10
First Smaller Co's	85.4	90.9	+1.6	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3				
01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	88.0	71.7	+0.6	0.00
Do Accum	69.8	73.6	+0.6	0.00
European Inc	97.9	103.3	-1.7	1.38
Do Accum	120.6	127.2	-2.2	1.98
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	24.7	26.0⊕	-0.4	3.79
Do Accum	31.7	33.4	-0.6	1.79
General Inc	195.7	206.5	+1.0	1.73
Do Accum	270.9	285.8	+1.7	1.73
Gth Yield Inc	118.3	122.0	+1.0	0.04
Do Accum	195.3	207.2	+1.8	10.04
High Yield Inc	110.2	116.3⊂	+1.6	4.40
Do Accum	224.0	236.3	+3.3	4.40
Int Rec Inc	121.6	128.3	+2.9	1.72
Do Accum	129.4	135.5	+3.0	1.72
Japan Inc	235.9	249.9	+2.1	0.25
Do Accum	238.5	251.7	+2.2	0.25
Japanese Spec Inc	108.4	114.4⊕	+2.3	0.35
Do Accum	109.0	115.0⊕	+2.3	0.35
N American Inc	58.7	61.9	-0.6	0.54
Do Accum	66.2	71.9	-0.7	0.54
Pacific Inc	145.2	153.2	+0.8	0.56
Do Accum	163.8	172.8	+0.9	0.56
Planned Investment	153.7	162.4	-0.8	4.17
Smaller Co's Inc	108.0	113.9	+1.9	0.79
Do Accum	128.6	135.7	+2.2	0.79
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	33.2	35.0⊕	-0.5	0.49
Do Accum	55.1	58.1⊕	-0.7	0.48
Worldwide Tech Inc	48.5	51.2⊕	+0.2	0.00
Do Accum	49.0	51.7	+0.2	0.00
Kbs High Yield Inc	162.4	169.8	+0.4	4.81
Do Accum	256.1	272.3	+0.6	4.81
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	157.2	167.2⊕	+2.4	2.15
Smaller Co's Acc	167.0	175.2	+0.4	..
Do Income	156.4	207.8	+0.3	0.77
High Income	61.3	86.5⊕	+2.2	4.92
Income	94.0	100.0	+1.7	4.00
Main Portfolio Inc	84.7	90.1⊕	+1.5	2.25
Do Acc	148.4	152.5⊕	+2.6	..
North American	85.2	89.3	+1.1	1.29
Orient	69.3	85.0	-0.6	0.30
Exempt	282.8	300.6	+6.9	2.06
Recovery	66.1	69.9	+1.4	1.22
German	30.0	32.0	-1.0	0.49
Technology	136.9	145.6	-0.2	0.29
Europe	22.9	24.3⊂	+0.1	0.77
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	62.0	65.9⊕	+0.2	2.20
General Inc (4)	281.1	294.8	-0.5	1.74
Do Accum (4)	433.6	474.8	-0.8	1.74
Income Fund (3)	125.6	131.2	+0.6	4.73
Do Accum (3)	234.5	234.3	+1.1	4.73

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Ind Inc (2)	143.4	154.8⊕	-2.4	0.98
Do Accum (2)	197.9	208.5⊕	-3.2	0.98
Smaller Inc (5)	91.7	96.6⊂	+0.7	1.17
Do Accum (5)	97.8	103.0⊂	+0.8	1.17
CS FUND MANAGERS				
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY				
01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	91.4	97.2	+0.2	0.51
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	339.6	361.6	-5.9	2.64
Income	398.3	421.6	+0.6	4.03
Far East	242.5	258.0	+5.7	0.24
North American	189.8	180.7	+2.6	0.00
Capital	55.5	59.7⊕	-0.5	0.07
European	54.9	58.1	-0.9	1.29
Japan	59.1	62.9	-1.7	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 351 6 Devis Marks London EC3 7JQ				
01-621 0011				
Capital	421.4	448.4	+0.9	1.55
Income	348.3	371.6	+7.0	4.04
North American	328.2	349.2	-1.4	0.71
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Tothe Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	478.75		::	3.95
Fixed Int	143.35		::	9.98
Deposit	100.0		::	10.86
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP				
01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	84.3	89.0	+2.7	0.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	443.48		::	4.40
Accum	£13.2437		::	..
Deposit	100.0		::	10.85
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Growth	27.9	29.6	-0.1	1.90
Equity High Income	55.1	58.4⊕	+1.5	3.50
European Growth	30.6	32.4	+0.4	2.06
General Equity	48.6	52.7	+0.8	2.00
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.7	33.8	+0.2	9.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.4	26.8⊕	+0.2	9.50
Int Inc Tst	29.4	25.9	..	5.00
Japan Growth	37.2	39.4	+1.2	0.00
Pedgree Gth	30.7	32.5	+0.6	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-685 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	56.0	59.6	+0.7	2.84
Do Accum	56.0	59.6	+0.7	2.84
Income Inc	56.0	59.6	+0.9	4.12
Do Accum	56.0	59.6	+0.9	4.12
Worldwide Inc	53.0	56.4	+0.3	1.71
Do Accum	53.0	56.4	+0.3	1.71
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU				
01-726 1999				
E uro G rth S trat	74.7	79.1	-2.6	0.67
Financial Income	208.8	221.0	+5.4	3.98
Financial	200.8	212.3⊕	+2.6	2.24
Sth East Gnth	76.7	81.2⊕	-2.5	1.97
Growth Investment	332.3	370.4	+1.5	2.05
Income & Growth	50.4	53.3⊕	+0.8	3.71
Japanese Growth	229.0	232.9	-1.2	0.52
Nth Amer Growth	117.8	124.6	+2.4	0.68
Int Recovery	121.0	128.6	+2.2	1.97
Smaller Co's	284.8	301.4⊕	+9.5	1.23
Global Inc Tst	62.9	66.9⊕	+0.7	6.57
Special Sits Acc	349.7	370.1	+3.0	1.22
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
High Income Trust	304.7	324.2	+6.1	4.60
Growth Trust	277.3	295.0⊕	+2.2	2.44
American Trust	146.8	156.2	+4.0	0.54
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Recess, Surrey RH2 8BL				
0732 42424				
UK Income	58.1	61.3⊕	+0.8	4.72
UK Growth Accum	66.4	70.7⊕	-1.6	2.41
Do Dist	63.5	69.7⊕	-1.5	2.41
European Growth	62.0	66.0	-1.3	1.86
Pacific Growth	61.9	65.9	+0.2	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fund	76.2	81.1	..	1.24
Capital Fund	131.1	139.8	+1.7	1.22
Growth & Inc Fund	161.7	172.2⊕	+1.7	3.63
High Dist Fund	142.8	152.0	+3.4	4.44
International Fund	229.3	244.2	-2.7	0.92
Pacific Fund		25.0		1.00
Resources Fund	29.7	31.5⊂	+0.2	0.22
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.2	33.2	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fund	185.1	197.1	-0.2	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	152.9	157.1	..	1.92
(Ex) Japan (2)	111.5	114.5	-1.9	0.17
(Ex) Pacific (4)	343.9	345.1⊕	-6.5	0.27
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	182.3	187.3	-1.8	0.10
Eurofund	26.9	28.6	-0.9	1.75
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	87.4	92.7	+0.8	2.56
Do Accum	88.5	93.1	+0.7	2.56
UK Growth Accum	115.5	122.9	+2.7	1.57
UK High Inc Inc	87.9	93.3	+3.0	3.78
N American Accum	77.8	82.6	+2.6	0.66
Far Eastern Accum	117.3	125.1	-2.2	0.07
European Accum	88.2	94.1	+2.4	1.20
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	56.1	59.5	+0.4	8.25
Do Accum	59.7	63.3	+0.4	7.74
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708-68866				
Endurance	126 6	134.7	-1.1	2.65
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
35, Fountain St, Manchester				
061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	83.0	99.0	+1.1	2.97
High Income Trust	91.0	96.9	+1.8	4.54
Gilt & Fixed Int	33.0	35.6	+0.4	9.10
Tin Of Inv Trusts	94.5	90.9⊕	+0.6	1.81
Special Sits Trust	96.0	102.2	+1.5	2.01
Nth Amer Trust	66.8	71.1	+0.5	1.49
Far Eastern Trust	104.9	111.8	..	0.41
Intl Growth	59.2	63.0⊕	-0.3	1.02
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QZ				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	180.4	191.8	+1.2	2.78
Do Income	154.7	164.5	+1.1	2.78
Higher Inc Accum	306.7	326.3	+4.6	3.68
Do Income	243.5	258.4	+3.6	3.68
Gilts/Fixed Accum	105.2	110.7⊕	+0.7	9.51
Do Income	84.7	85.1⊕	+0.4	8.38
Nth Amer Tst Accum	154.1	163.9	+1.4	0.02
Far East Tst Accum	179.5	190.9	+5.3	0.00
Euro Trst Accum	162.9	173.3	+1.4	0.58
General Trust	283.3	301.3⊕	-1.2	2.85
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	79.4	84.5	-0.6	0.18
Capital Fund	124.5	132.5⊂	-1.3	0.18
UK Income Fund	88.5	94.5⊂	-0.4	4.16

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far Eastern Fund	77.9	82.9	+0.1	0.00
Overseas Income	76.0	80.9	+0.5	4.30
Fixed Interest	69.5	64.4	+0.3	10.88
Nippons Fixd Fund	68.5	72.9	+0.1	0.00
European Income	85.9	88.6⊕	-1.7	2.84
Financials Fund	54.4	57.9	-0.3	2.57
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 9292				
Balanced Gth Inc	59.3	63.1	+0.5	1.49
Do Accum	69.5	64.5	+0.6	..
Income Gth Inc	51.8	55.1	+1.2	5.39
Do Accum	58.6	59.1	+1.4	..
Service Co's Inc	58.7	71.0	+1.3	1.44
Do Accum	67.9	72.2	+1.7	..
Higher Inc	58.7	60.5	+0.4	7.09
Do acc	58.7	60.5	+0.4	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Rver Wells, Tonbridge, TN6 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	121.3	129.1	+0.8	0.57
Amer Equity Income	29.3	37.6	+0.2	2.80
Amer Special Sits	58.5	62.3	+1.5	0.01
Australia	37.0	39.2	-1.1	2.80
European	48.1	51.2	+0.3	..
European Inc	32.9	35.2	..	4.00
Global Conv	33.8	35.0	+0.7	5.50
Far East Inc	38.1	40.4	..	5.50
Gilt & Fixed Int	31.0	..	..	9.80
Growth & Income	116.2	123.7	+0.1	4.46
Japan Special Sits	48.5	52.1⊕	+0.4	..
Japan	150.3	160.4	-2.9	0.00
Managed Int	153.4	163.2⊕	-1.5	0.00
Man Income Equity	102.4	109.0⊕	+2.6	4.36
Professional Gth	40.9	43.5	-1.5	1.98
South East Asia	47.1	50.2	-0.9	0.00
Special Sits	221.1	235.3	-3.4	0.05
FLEMING (ROBERT)				
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN				
01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£368.5	405.5⊂	+3.22	1.05
Japan Exempt	£453.3	494.2	-3.60	0.00
Am Property Tst	£10000.0		::	6.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		::	5.80
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	231.4	244.8	+1.0	..
Do Accum	238.4	252.1	+1.1	..
Amer Tomemd Inc	231.1	244.5	+1.0	1.14
Do Accum	239.7	253.5	+1.1	1.14
Capital Tst Inc	284.5	278.6⊕	+1.2	1.39
Do Accum	353.1	371.4⊕	+1.5	1.39
Cmnr & Gtr Inc	171.9	187.7	+0.7	4.79
Do Accum	136.5	146.5	+0.9	4.78
European Inc	67.7	71.6	-0.2	0.61
Do Accum	67.7	71.6	-0.2	0.61
Extra Inc Tst Inc	207.9	219.8⊕	+4.7	3.64
Do Accum	239.5	241.5⊕	+5.4	3.64
Financial Accum	54.8	57.9	+0.3	1.00
Do Inc	54.8	57.9	+0.5	1.00
Income Trust	152.3	161.1	+2.9	3.25
Do Accum	152.3	161.1	+2.9	3.25
Int Growth Fd Inc	179.8	190.2	+1.4	..
Do Accum	199.8	211.2	+1.5	..
Japan & Gen Inc	101.7	107.6⊕	+1.5	..
Do Accum	102.7	108.6⊕	+1.5	..
Monthly Inc Fd	109.0	115.3⊕	+3.1	3.91
Recovery	180.5	197.4⊕	+1.9	1.01
Do Accum	203.5	215.3⊕	+1.9	1.01
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885033				
FP Equity Dist	239.9	254.6	+1.7	2.30
Do Accum	404.1	428.9	+2.9	2.30
FP Fixed Int Dist	117.4	124.6	+0.6	5.76
Do Accum	135.5	147.3	+0.9	5.76
Stewardship Dist	213.7	226.8	+0.7	3.61
Do Accum	222.5	236.2	+1.6	1.33
FP North American	134.9	142.9	+0.7	1.28
FP Pacific Basin	189.5	200.9	+2.0	0.25
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	78.3	83.3	+2.4	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	127.0	135.2⊕	+0.4	2.80
Do Accum	184.1	195.9⊕	-0.4	2.80
Income Fund	95.7	101.9⊕	+4.1	5.70
Pension Exempt	228.4	229.5⊕	+3.4	1.40
International	165.8	165.4⊕	+2.4	0.57
US & General	59.5	63.4	+0.2	0.70
Japan & General	257.0	273.5	+6.3	0.10
Far East & Gen	140.2	149.5	+1.0	0.10
European Fund	282.3	300.7⊕	-4.0	0.10
Germany Fund	64.0	68.1	-0.9	1.00
Intl Inc Fund	54.6	58.4	+0.6	4.20
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8EP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5765 Dealing 01-623 5866				
American Trust	94.7	100.3	+0.3	0.70
Australian Trust	30.5	32.4	+0.5	0.16
British Tst Accum	78.9	83.5⊕	+0.9	1.61
Do Dist	67.9	71.9⊕	+0.8	1.61
Commodity Share	85.1	89.9	+1.7	0.00
European Trust	53.5	56.8⊕	-1.7	0.69
Extra Income Trust	59.9	63.4	+0.9	4.47
Far Eastern Trust	149.4	158.2	-0.6	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	29.4	31.1	+0.1	9.60
Dollar Trust	94.1	99.3	-0.3	0.47
Ind Fixed Int Tst	24.5	26.0⊂	-0.7	9.30
Global Fund Accum	187.7	209.2	-0.3	0.41
Do Dist	167.9	188.9	-0.3	0.41
Gold Shares Trust	31.2	31.5	+0.4	0.50
Hedged American	37.8	40.1	+0.4	0.50
High Income Trust	171.2	181.2⊕	+3.6	4.94
Hong Kong Trust	38.6	40.9⊕	-1.2	1.20
Income Fund	95.0	100.6⊕	+1.4	4.20
Japan Trust	140.5	149.0	+2.9	0.00
Managed Exempt	305.2	318.0	+0.9	3.03
Oil & Energy Trust	40.4	42.9⊕	+0.6	2.70
Special Sits Trust	109.2	115.8⊕	+0.6	1.67
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	93.6	194.4	+3.4	0.60
Cheltenham UK	26.2	27.5	+0.2	2.00
GOWETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA				
01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	95.8	101.8	-1.6	1.03
American Growth	73.6	80.4	+0.8	2.12
American Inc	74.7	78.4⊕	+1.4	5.39
European Growth	227.5	243.2	-3.7	0.24
Gold & Minerals	62.3	66.2	+2.0	0.49
Japan Growth	155.7	166.5	+4.8	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 9909				
Gilt & Fixed Int	120.1	124.8⊕	+0.7	8.94
Growth Equity	250.8	265.6	+5.8	1.89
Guardfd	237.2	248.5⊕	+1.4	2.39
N American	159.6	168.9	-0.3	0.97
Pacific	285.0	301.5	+1.3	0.00
Property Shere	334.7	354.2⊕	+2.9	1.12
Smaller Companies	234.4	250.4	+4.2	1.39
European Trust	276.0	292.1	-0.1	0.48
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
High Income	64.2	68.9	+1.4	5.19
N Amer Trust	121.9	129.7⊂	+1.4	0.69
Recovery	276.5	294.2	+1.9	4.01
Gilt Trust	36.1	38.4⊕	+0.7	9.51
St Vincent Inc	101.8	105.0⊕	+4.2	5.01
St Vincent US Gth	80.7	84.1⊕	+2.2	0.70
Temple Bar Sm Co's	226.2	238.8	..	2.66
Euro Gth Tst	48.1	50.9⊕	-1.7	0.90
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217516				
Hambros Smlr Co's	167.2	177.4⊕	+3.8	1.46
Hambros N Amer	72.9	77.4	+0.3	0.84
Hambros Jap & F E	135.8	144.1	+1.3	0.42
Hambros Scandgn	80.1	85.0	-0.2	0.91

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros European	103.2	109.1⊂	-1.7	0.84
Hambros Canadian	57.6	61.1	+1.5	1.06
Hambros Security Inc	104.9	111.3	+1.4	1.25
Hambros High Inc	73.5	78.0⊕	+1.7	4.43
Hambros Rsk Assts	71.0	75.3⊕	+0.1	1.69
Hambros Int Sty	61.8	65.6	+0.5	0.76
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
0277 217206				
Amer Recovery Tst	117.8	125.1	+1.6	0.16
Amer Smaller Co's	57.5	61.2	+0.9	0.51
Australian	91.9	97.6	+0.8	1.54
Capital Growth Inc	70.8	75.1⊂	+1.0	1.44
Do Accum	82.2	87.4⊂	+1.7	1.44
European	283.9

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APPOINTMENTS

Initial: Mr John Johnstone joins the board as group finance director.

Molyneux Rose: Mr Alan Howes and Mr Michael Ingall become associate directors.

Shadow UK: Mr David Johnson joins the board.

Diamond Leisure: Mr JF Osborne becomes managing director.

Otis UK Group: Mr Brian King has been appointed managing director, and chairman of the board of Otis Elevator.

Volumatic: Mr Frank Pegg becomes vice-chairman. Mr Hugh Mathew is made managing director.

Frame Clothing: Mr Tom McCallum becomes production director. Mr George Campbell sales director and Miss Claire Rael-Brook design director.

Carless Petroleum: Mr Brian Kidd joins the board from April 1.

Multitone Electronics: Mr Ian Burrage is to succeed Mr John Spiers as managing director.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*391)	330	65	73	83	1	3	9
	360	37	52	63	5	12	17
	390	20	33	35	18	28	28
British Gas (*81)	60	21	23½	27½	¼	1	1
	70	11½	15½	19	1	2½	3½
	80	4	9½	12½	3½	5½	7¼
British Airways (*124)	100	25	28	31	1	2¼	4½
	110	15½	21	25	1¾	5	9
	120	8½	13	17	4	9½	14
BP (*810)	700	118	138	155	3	9	18
	750	77	95	117	10	18	28
	800	37	60	85	35	53	60
Cons Gold (*838)	700	145	162	173	3	8	12
	750	97	118	130	6	17	22
	800	55	82	103	20	30	40
Courtaulds (*391)	330	66	77	89	3	6	11
	360	43	58	71	8	13	20
	390	24	44	55	18	28	37
	420	13	29	36	36	44	48
Com Union (*322)	300	30	43	53	7	10½	15
	330	12	28	39	18	23	25
	360	5	18	26	40	46	50
Cable & Wire (*361)	325	41	—	—	1½	—	—
	350	23	—	—	12	—	—
	360	—	35	52	—	25	25
	390	6	20	37	34	45	55
GEC (*210)	200	17	27	36	3	11	13
	220	7	18	23	18	28	28
	240	3	9	15	35	38	44
Grand Met (*485)	420	70	83	98	1	3	6
	460	37	53	65	6	15	20
	500	15	32	45	28	35	40
	550	4	13	30	68	73	77
ICI (*1328)	1300	70	115	140	35	50	75
	1350	43	85	110	55	75	95
	1400	25	67	90	80	105	118
	1450	15	48	70	130	140	150
Land Securities (*388)	330	60	64	75	1	4	5
	360	33	41	53	4	10	13
	390	13	22	33	13	21	25
Marks & Spen (*229)	200	33	39	45	2	4	7
	220	16	24	30	5	12	15
	240	8	12	21	17	24	27
Shell Trans (*1213)	1100	115	118	145	14	30	42
	1150	68	80	116	30	45	55
	1200	37	58	78	53	70	85
Trafalgar House (*331)	280	54	61	74	2	3	8
	300	34	44	56	4	8	13
	330	17	24	38	15	20	28
TSB (*78)	70	10	13	15¾	1	2¼	3
	80	3	6¼	8	5	5¾	7
	90	¼	2	—	13¼	13¼	—
Woolworth (*815)	700	130	140	155	3	4	10
	750	80	100	110	8	15	20
	800	35	55	70	20	35	55

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*545)	420	127	138	145	1	2	3
	460	87	102	110	1	6	10
	500	45	68	83	1	15	22
	550	6	35	53	11	37	45
Boots (*287)	280	11	26	31	4	15	20
	300	2	20½	24	16	30	35
	330	1	12	17	45	51	55
BTR (*339)	300	42	48	60	1	7	12
	330	11	26	38	3	16	21
	360	2	14	23	23	30	37
Bass (*942)	800	150	165	190	1	5	13
	850	102	120	145	1	13	22
	900	52	88	115	2	27	40
Blue Circle (*743)	650	95	103	117	1	8	13
	700	45	68	85	2	15	23
	750	8	40	57	13	33	43
De Beers (*1068)	950	125	160	205	4	22	42
	1000	75	130	180	4	37	60
	1050	—	110	160	—	70	85
	1100	—	90	145	—	95	115
Dixons (*377)	321	58	74	82	¼	3	6
	351	28	48	54	1	10	16
	381	4	32	38	10	24	28
GKN (*327)	280	48	60	54	¼	6	10
	300	28	35	43	1	16	20
	330	4	19	26	6	31	34
	360	1	8	17	35	49	52
Glaxo (*1560)	1500	65	145	195	4	65	80
	1550	30	115	165	17	90	100
	1600	10	90	140	50	110	125
	1650	3	70	120	95	135	150

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Hanson (*171)	135	38	40½	44	½	1	2
	150	21	26½	31½	½	3	4½
	165	6½	16	21½	1	7	9½
	180	1	7½	13	16	15	17
Jaguar (*359)	550	28	52	75	2	22	30
	600	1	31	53	31	57	62
	650	½	15	35	61	87	92
Sears (*136)	130	—	14	17½	—	6½	7
	140	—	10½	14½	—	11½	14½
	150	—	3½	7½	—	23½	26½
Tesco (*488)	420	67	83	100	1	7	12
	460	27	50	72	2	17	22
	500	4	26	46	15	35	37
Thorn EMI (*609)	480	132	170	177	½	1	2
	500	112	138	137	½	2	4
	550	62	87	95	½	12	15
	600	15	57	67	6	30	35
THF (*218)	180	38	46	52	¼	2	3
	200	18	31	38	1	7	12
	220	3	19	27	5	15	19

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Brit Aero (*643)	600	57	85	—	20	30	—
	650	38	60	80	40	53	65
	700	18	38	57	70	80	87
BAT Inds (*521)	420	102	115	—	1	1½	—
	460	63	80	—	4	8	—
	500	38	53	70	17	23	28
	550	17	32	43	47	55	58
Barclays (*523)	500	47	65	77	17	23	33
	550	18	40	50	48	48	55
	600	6	16	23	82	88	95
Brit Telecom (*245)	220	31	37½	41	2½	6½	10
	240	18	25	31	6	14	17
	260	7	15	21	20	27	30
Cadbury Schwpps (*242)	240	18	26	37	15	19	23
	260	9	19	27	27	30	34
	280	4	11	—	44	51	—
Guinness (*318)	300	40	55	65	15	25	30
	330	22	35	47	30	40	40
	360	9	20	—	50	53	—
Ladbroke (*435)	390	53	67	—	5	10	—
	420	33	45	60	13	18	23
	450	12	23	37	37	40	48
LASMO (*224)	180	48	53	61	4	9	11
	200	32	38	48	9	14	18
	220	20	27	35	18	22	25
Midland Bank (*525)	550	92	105	—	8	12	—
	600	53	72	85	16	22	28
	650	22	32	50	37	47	52
P & O (*526)	550	83	97	—	5	15	—
	600	45	60	80	20	28	35
	650	18	37	50	48	57	62
Racal (*244)	220	34	42	52	6	10	12
	240	19	31	40	11	17	22
	260	8	19	30	24	28	32
RTZ (*734)	650	97	117	—	8	12	—
	700	65	87	110	20	28	33
	750	33	57	67	45	55	67
	800	15	36	38	87	95	107
Vaal Reef (*94)	80	19½	25	29	2	4	5
	90	12	17½	20	5	8	8½
	100	6½	11½	13	10½	12½	14

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*273)	220	54	60	65	1	1½	2
	240	34	42	45	1	3½	5½
	260	14	28	32	1	9	12
	280	1½	16	19	9	17	21
	300	1	7½	12	28	31	35

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Tr 11¾% 1891 (*2106)	104	4⅝	4⅝	—	⅛	3/16	—
	106	2¾	3 1/16	5 1/16	⅜	1¾	1 15/16
	108	1 7/16	2 1/16	3 1/16	1⅝	2	2 5/16
	110	11/32	—	2	2 1/16	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*2121)	112	3¾	5¼	—	3/32	⅞	—
	114	6⅝	7⅞	—	⅜	1	—
	116	5 1/16	6 3/16	7	1 1/16	1⅞	2¼
	118	4	5⅛	5⅝	1¼	2 3/16	3
	120	3⅛	4⅛	5	2	3⅛	5⅜

		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FT-SE Index (*1990)	1700	295	315	—	—	1	2	—	—
	1750	245	268	—	—	1	2	—	—
	1800	195	223	238	—	1	5	15	—
	1850	148	178	197	—	1	13	25	—
	1900	98	140	160	—	5	20	35	—
	1950	60	102	120	140	15	38	52	65
	2000	28	72	88	115	40	57	75	86
	2050	10	47	65	90	69	85	98	110

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

IBM's tough new style for Europe

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

Two and a half years ago IBM bought Rolm, an American telecommunications firm.

At that time there were strong assurances that Rolm's independence was assured. IBM's vice-chairman Paul Rizzo, said: "Your company will be managed as a separate organization with its own character and its own culture."

Last week all that changed as IBM swallowed Rolm's sales and service organization — about 60 per cent of the company — into IBM's own marketing force.

The move is a further example of the widespread shake-up going on inside IBM that no longer has time for such niceties as independence.

There is little room left for the maverick as as all hands are called to the pump to try to stop the slump in profits, down 27 per cent in 1986.

Particular attention is being paid internally to both IBM's sales force and the telecommunications business, with the focus more on selling to specific industries than pushing particular product lines.

More mundanely British IBMers report considerable belt-tightning with second-class cheap day returns on British Rail in force for staff accustomed to somewhat grander travel.

As internal reorganization takes its toll with resources being transferred into sales and customer support, IBM is again said by those inside the company to stand for I've Been Moved.

What IBM is still holding on to, however, is a strong desire to avoid compulsory redundancies.

IBM in Europe has fared better than other parts of the company but as IBM deputy president in Europe, Michael Armstrong, told the *Wall Street Journal* last week: "Our results around the world were unacceptable to us and that includes Europe."

His boss, Kaspar Casssani, head of IBM Europe, was in London last week to talk to the American Chamber of Commerce on whether Europe can compete.

"Attitudes to business and profit, especially among our young people, are much more positive than say five years ago," he said in a speech that praised government deregulation of telecommunications but also pointed to US cuts in corporate tax rates as a challenge to Europe.

More government help is needed in education, said Mr Cassani. "Corporate America spends proportionately three times more than corporate Britain," he said, "but we look primarily to government to provide Europe's trained base of human resources".

Only when referring to allegations of Japanese dumping in Europe did the full irony of a US multinational's representative preaching on European competitiveness become clearly apparent.

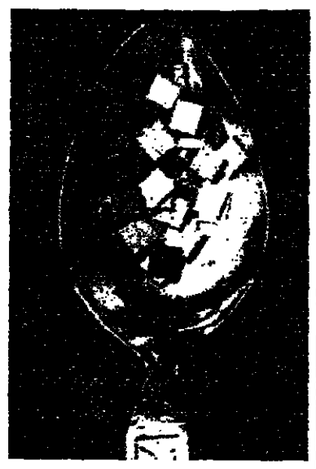
The message was that while IBM in Europe should be seen as European, the Japanese are foreigners.

In the short term the attention of industry watchers is now fixed on IBM's expected announcement in April of a new range of personal computers.

Should they include a machine based on Intel's advanced 386 chip, there will be a further problem as a new operating system will be required to take full advantage of it.

It may however give makers of clones of IBM PCs a headache. As Mr Cassani put it, "a new family of microprocessors costs upwards of £100 million to develop but can be copied for £1 million."

While IBM is pouring resources into marketing to try to boost this year's profitability in the mini and mainframe sectors, there is also a strong desire that next time round, IBM will not see its personal computers copied quite so quickly, successfully or cheaply.



These one megabit chips can each store more than a million bits of information and are expected to make an appearance in IBM's new range of personal computers next month

Britain cashes in on CAD

By Richard Sarson

The West Germans seem to like British computer-aided design software. Last month, Siemens agreed to buy a minimum of 280 circuit-board design systems from Racal-Redac.

Siemens will convert this software on to their own workstations, then sell it. What clinched the sale was Racal-Redac's reputation for high-quality, computer-aided electronic design and engineering tools helped by the fact that it used the European-standard operating system, Unix, which Siemens has adopted for technical computing.

It also helped that Racal Redac have already sold 1,000 circuit-board design systems in Germany, giving them a 40 per cent market share, 200 of them to Siemens.

Because CAD software is an area in which the British have a general lead over the Continentals, the Department of Trade and Industry is sponsoring a travelling roadshow, through Switzerland, Austria and south Germany starting in Berne next week with its last stop in Stuttgart on June 5 to coincide with CAT 87, one of Germany's main CAD exhibitions.

Seventeen hardware and software firms, including Ferranti, Racal-Redac, Moss Systems and CIS of Cambridge, offer graphic systems as diverse as ground modelling for earth-moving contractors to chip design.

There will be three trucks, containing a mixture of mini and micro hardware — mostly American — running British software. The DTI also intends to sponsor a more permanent display centre for British information technology companies in Stuttgart.

Several small CAD firms have made West Germany their main export market and are well-established. One software house, Superdraft from Altrincham in Cheshire, is selling micro-based CAD software to the mechanical engineering industry and exports half of its production to Germany.

Call for tax boost to R & D

The Government could stimulate the creation of a quarter of a million jobs by introducing a tax-credit scheme for companies that invest in research and development (R & D).

So says the Electronic Engineering Association which has done its sums on a proposed tax-allowance scheme involving a 150 per cent tax allowance on all private R & D expenditure.

Its president, Tony Thatcher, argues that because such schemes have worked in other countries, the proposal could increase the level of industrial R & D in the UK by 37 per cent over the next three years.

Though the annual loss to the Government in taxes would be £600 million, the association says it has calculated the pay-back time, based on precedent, would be 3.7 years — no more than is normally expected for industrial investment.

More importantly, perhaps, Mr Thatcher claims that profits and sales would increase at a rate of 13 per cent a year, that 100,000 jobs would be created in manufacturing industry and that the supporting services industries could generate about a quarter of a million jobs.

The association bases its 150 per cent allowance scheme on the situation in Australia, but says that similar favourable tax situations exist in the United States, France and Sweden.

TAX CREDITS

By Peter Sands

In the run-up to today's Budget, it has been trying hard to convince the Cabinet that the tax-credit option is better than options such as overall lowering of corporate taxes.

Mr Thatcher says that the tax environment for industrial investment in R & D in the UK is so bad that several of his members have been instructed by their multinational parents to close down R & D operations so they could be moved abroad.

He worries that where R & D goes, product prototyping, full production and the jobs that go with it, could soon follow.

In terms of gross domestic product (GDP), Britain's performance in industrial investment is poorer than in its main international competitors. Within the overall spend, which has been falling since 1981, defence-oriented investment is rising. So the picture is seen as even worse for civil R & D.

It is the manufacturing industry which is seen as most at risk. The short-term view of city financial institutions, says Mr Thatcher, discourages investment in production and process technology, because it looks bad on the balance sheet, at least to the shareholders.

Ada puts strain on training sector

Last week's Computer Recruitment Fair in London put 1,600 jobs from 30 companies on show to about 3,000 prospective employees. It followed a number of similar regional fairs held throughout the country.

A recent fair in Manchester, say organizers, resulted in applications for 95 per cent of the 1,200 jobs on offer.

The London fair came at an opportune time, given the growth of demand in certain specialist sectors of the market, such as Ada, the programming language recently chosen as the standard programming system by the Ministry of Defence.

In fact, the June deadline set by the MoD for its contracted programming firms to convert to all Ada output has put a tremendous demand on this area. According to Ian Pirie, general manager of Yard Software Systems — a company which has just been presented with a British Design Award for the Lifespan product it sells to the defence sector — the demand for good Ada programmers is already putting a strain on the country's training and recruitment resources.

RECRUITMENT

By Geof Wheelwright

"Training is one of the big problems," he said. "There are just not enough people who are experienced in structured programming to cope with the challenging Ada environment."

The other problem is in identifying exactly whom is going to make the investment in Ada training, but anyone who wants to do business with the MoD is going to have to take the plunge at some point.

Mr Pirie says: "There is a great risk in using Ada on a new project — the question is who will pay for that risk. An individual project manager may not pay a premium to comply with this policy — Ada will take longer and cost more — and not just 10 per cent more."

Part of the risk involves the way in which the MoD commissions work, which is often at a fixed price. And it is not at all clear that it plans to pay any more for work that conforms to the Ada requirement. Some contracts may well take a little longer for the work to be carried out as the companies serving the defence market get to grips with Ada.

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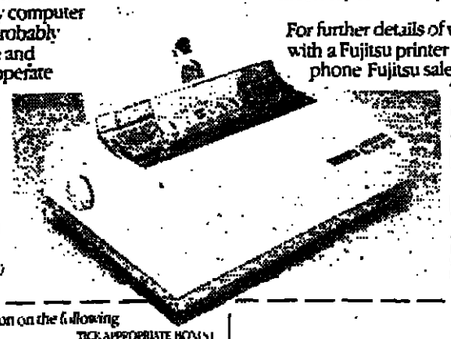
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

Network management the key

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

It used to be a case of where IBM leads, others follow. That may have been partly true, but in the case of Digital Equipment it has been more a case of strategically staying in the middle with the right products and letting the growth around you push you to dizzy heights.

And where a computer manufacturer grows, so must the need for computer staff familiar with the equipment.

Ken Swarbrick, executive director of the Hoskyns Group, the systems, software house and consultancy that is the UK's largest DEC distributor, says: "DEC is growing rapidly and moving faster ahead than IBM.

"But put it in context. Of our graduate intake being trained in technical and programming skills, the ratio is still two to one in favour of IBM. There is no distinction between the type of skills — such as programmers and analysts — but the mix is different.

"With IBM work, more systems programmers and database people are needed, while in the DEC environment more applications systems people are required."

That is not to say that database specialist people are not needed. Because of DEC's strengths in networks distributed, databases are increasing. Network management is an important skill in the DEC environment.



The VAXstation 2000 from DEC, a company whose fast growth has resulted in a shortage of specialists

Typically, consultants in this area, earning from £20,000 a year upwards, need to be strong on programming, have the ability to size a computer against a given amount of work and must understand operations, databases and, of course, teleprocessing software.

DEC itself agrees that there is an increasing need for people who can manage networks.

Ray Whitfield, UK personnel programmes manager for DEC, says: "There is a shortage of network managers. There is a big difference between managing a network in one building and controlling a worldwide network. Distributed data processing is becoming more of a norm and reaching further into the office."

Within DEC itself there is a dual career path on most fronts — sales, software and service — and at a certain level staff can opt for either a management role or one as an "individual contributor" — ie, a person whose work is considered equal to a manager, but who concentrates on higher-level technical involvement, often with customers, rather than on people management.

The pay, however, is the same for both management and contributor levels, typically from £25,000 a year plus a car and benefits package.

Mr Whitfield says: "Some of these high-level skills — such as software people with, say, financial specialization — are not readily available in DEC due to volume of growth and the newness of many applications."

The same applies with consultants within the Hoskyns Group. Mr Swarbrick comments: "Forty per cent of a consultant's time is spent understanding the users business and dealing directly with end users. The processing power of DEC systems is growing 30 per cent a year in terms of cost-benefits.

"It means that users' applications which were not viable a few years ago are now becoming cost-effective. This is coupled with the higher productivity and strong interest in fourth-generation languages."

In any job market, it is always worth noting what manufacturers and consultants are doing. The staff skills they concentrate on today may well be those needed by the users tomorrow.

How to spot and stop thieves

FRAUD

By Matthew May

Managers should carry out a thorough review of the threats from computer fraud, the Institute of Chartered Accountants has warned.

Last week it published a booklet decribing measures to counter the risks.

"Computer frauds are often perpetrated by employees in supervisory positions" it says and points to what it describes as the many situations in which there is collusion between someone responsible for input to a computer system and someone in charge of a physical asset.

The biggest category of reported computer fraud is put down to inadequate control over the input of transaction data — "particularly when terminals are in remote locations". Dummy invoices or claims documents are often involved.

Computer fraud is a "potentially serious threat for most organizations using computer systems" says the ICA and recommends checking employeees references scrupulously and dividing computer responsibilities between several staff.

Culprits even where caught are frequently not prosecuted to avoid public embarrassment for the firm concerned but, says the booklet, "wherever possible take legal proceedings against and dismiss anyone found committing fraud.

"Do not under any circumstances provide good references."

Countering Computer Fraud **costs £4.95 and is published by Chartac Books at 399 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2HL.**

Is Russia really so low tech?

The popular belief that computing in the Eastern Bloc is years behind the West is a gross exaggeration, according to a Finnish computer consultant, Heikki Auvionen who has studied Soviet high technology for years. He has made more than 200 visits to the Soviet Union, assessing high-technology marketing opportunities.

He said: "In 1981, when I was with Data General in Finland preparing to sell their products in the Soviet Union, the CoCom embargo was imposed. There was no opportunity to market western computer products in the Soviet Union after that."

But the answer was simple and, he argues, amounts to a contradiction of the American view that the Soviet Union is a technology desert, five to 10 years behind the West in all forms of advanced technology.

Mr Auvionen gathered together a number of companies and they started to import and work with Soviet computers in Finland.

"With the problems of getting western approval for shipments to the USSR," he said, "it was much more practical to build large-scale systems based on Soviet technology."

From this practical experience, Mr Auvionen has developed a report which, he says, gives a complete rundown on Soviet technology. The main surprises are the claims about the size of the Soviet supercomputer industry.

At the moment, 165 supercomputer installations in the West, mostly of the Cray type. The Soviet Union, says Mr Auvionen, has about 250 such installations, based on two largely compatible lines called the Besm and Elbrus.

The Besm machine came into use in 1963, not long after Seymour Cray introduced his range of Control Data Corporation in the US. However, based on Mr Auvionen's estimates of a total BESM population of 200, the Soviet Union understood the importance of large-scale scientific computing before the West did, and began deployment accordingly.

The Besm, like its western counterpart, the Cray 1, continues in production but has been superseded by the multiprocessor Elbrus range, of which fewer than 50 have been installed. And Mr Auvionen adds words of caution. "When talking about western supercomputers and Soviet ones you are not comparing like technology with like technology."

The Soviet Union, in supercomputers as well as in all its other computer ranges, has developed along independent and often radically different lines from the West.

EASTERN BLOC

By Kevin Cahill

"Information technology strongly reflects the environment, the society in which it grows," he says. "When people in the West talk of how far behind the Soviet Union is in technology, they compare centimetres and grams." Mr Auvionen admits, however, that much of Soviet mass-produced IT technology is not very good. "But it can be tuned and then it performs well."

This applies particularly to the Soviet equivalent of the two most popular western mini-computers, the VAX and PDP 11.

Emphasizing equivalent as opposed to like, Mr Auvionen says the Soviet Union has a wide range of computers available for its internal trade.

These include two different VAX equivalents and a significant variety of machines which have DEC and IBM compatible operating systems.



Auvionen: complete rundown

But what is missing in the Soviet Union is the service industry. "There are no yellow pages," he notes wryly. "The Soviet system is very different from the West. The system lacks personal incentives."

On the other hand he detects a great keenness on the part of the Soviet IT industry to develop western input-output standards. Mr Auvionen claims too that Soviet basic software technology and research can sometimes be more advanced than in the West.

What Mr Auvionen sees as the predominant western advantage is the speed and skill with which western companies package and merchandize information technology. Which brings him to his own great hopes for Gorbachov's *glasnost*, or openness, programme.

"What Gorbachov needs from the West is the starting-in-a-garage philosophy that gave rise to so many western computer developments, including such firms as Apple and DEC."

Mr Auvionen believes that if the Gorbachov programme succeeds, the combination of Soviet scientific expertise, combined with western merchandizing could finally make the Soviet Union an international player in information technology.

The writer is author of Trade Wars *and a research assistant at the House of Lords*

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Throughout Britain, people who feel they have something to say about the running of their local communities are gearing up to become councillors. Bob Smyth asks: Is this the time for you to come to the aid of the party and people?



Lady Porter: 'An extraordinary world'

While thousands of political party candidates fight for the 11,500 district council seats this May, the response of the voters on election day is likely to demonstrate apathy about civic affairs. Yet councillors are powerful people, spending £35 billion each year — a quarter of all public expenditure — and controlling more than two million staff.

Those occupying our council chambers number fewer than 25,000, representing 56 counties (or Scottish regions) and almost 500 districts. It sounds a lot, but is proportionally far less than in other European countries. British councillors, on average, represent a constituency of 1,800, whereas their Continental colleagues have constituencies averaging 500.

While this means that our elected representatives have more power (a crude calculation shows, for example, they each spend £1.4 million a year, or £5.6 million during their four years in office), it also produces a far heavier workload.

The management system which incoming councillors will face is, in traditional local government fashion, extensive and peculiar. Lady Porter, leader of Westminster City Council for the past four years, recalls that when elected 12 years ago, her reaction to city hall life was "utter astonishment. It was an extraordinary world. It took me years to recover. I'd come from a business background where the people involved decided what they wanted to do and then did it. In local government things don't happen like that."

All councils are entitled to choose their own procedures and, despite underlying similarities, local arrangements vary. Most councils have main service committees such as housing, social services and planning, with a policy committee made up of the leader and the committee chairman. Behind this there is often a political "shadow" structure which takes the real decisions, which are then implemented by the public committee meetings.

Despite the strength of inherited procedures, the determined newcomer can make a mark. As Lady Porter recalls: "I was quite quickly made a junior whip, probably because I looked like being a troublemaker and that's the usual way to nobble them."

Nicholas Taylor, an architectural historian, journalist, broadcaster and housing association development worker, judges that in the 16 years he has been a member of Lewisham Council "the quality of councillors has improved enormously. Our old leader used to say he didn't know what his officers spent their time doing. Today, partly because some members are officers in other authorities, councillors understand the complexities of council operations very much better."

Far more meetings due to decentralization

Mr Taylor is one of many who have found civic life to be endlessly fascinating. "It's a fantastic learning process. It has been 15 years of prolonged self- education — a personal correspondence course through what we learn from agendas across an amazing range of activities."

The negative side he reports as being "the massive increase in the time you have to put into the job. The decentralization of services, for instance, has resulted in phenomenally more meetings.

" The amount of time I spent on council business had an effect, though not a decisive one, on my first marriage. I have to make considerable efforts not to place intolerable strains on my second. It's very clear that because of such stresses many councillors do not stand for a second term of office."

Despite their political differences, Lady Porter echoes his views. "The ball game has changed in recent years. There's more to do, it's become more political and there's more handed down to us by central government, quite apart from what we've inherited from the GLC. The public, too, expect more of you, which adds more and more time to what you have to give to the job."

From her eighteenth floor office, looking down on the cluster of government ministries — the Home Office, Environment and Industry and Trade departments, as well as Parliament itself — Lady Porter reflects on her reputation as someone who is challenging (or sabotaging, depending on your point of view) the conventions of local government practice.

"There's always a tendency to keep things as they are, and if you're happy with that you can be very popular. But if you want to make things change — by linking your staff's pay to performance, introducing targets and aiming at better productivity, for instance — then you have to make the town hall a lot more like the real world."

She envisages an eventual change to full-time councillors — " and highly paid, or why should they stop a promising career? The disadvantage is that it might produce councillors with a narrow view of things, because you need the outside influence, but I acknowledge we will probably have the American-style executive mayor."

As for being a woman in what is a male-dominated world, she says: "I haven't found it a disadvantage. In fact I think it's a very good job for women because women are more practical."

The present payments for councillors are hardly generous, despite accounts of the impressive expenses of certain northern councillors. Members receive up to £16 or so as an attendance allowance for meetings. A full-time leader, or busy committee chairman, can collect up to £4,435 special responsibility allowance, but since only £10,000 is available in total for sharing out between all senior members of a district such as a London borough, the number of full-timers is restricted.

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A final tip for those who fancy their chances in the political lottery: choose your local council carefully if you are after a ticket to Parliament. Outside London, only Coventry is in the league of authorities with five or more former councillors now sitting as MPs.

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The degree should be in the Social Sciences or the candidate should have had previous experience as a specialist in the Social Sciences.

The initial salary will be at one of the first three points (£8020, £8505, £9000) of the Assistant Librarian scale (at present under review).

Letters of application, quoting references JPB, and accompanied by a curriculum vitae, together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent by 27 March 1987 to the Registrar and Secretary, University of Bristol, Senate House, Tyndall Avenue, Bristol BS8 1TH, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

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Salary up to £13,632 p.a. inclusive

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Application forms quoting appropriate reference number are available from:

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The Personnel Division, Civic Centre, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1UW. Telephone Uxbridge 50589 (24 hour answering service available).
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For an application form, please write, quoting ref AH369/IM/TT, stating post concerned, to: Appointments Officer, Overseas Development Administration, Room 351, Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road, EAST KILBRIDE, Glasgow G75 8EA. Or telephone 03552 41199, extension 3571.

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The appointment is subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service 100-EH/379

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For an application form and a job description, please contact the Personnel Department, University College Hospital, Gower Street, LONDON WC1 or telephone 01-380-9699 (24 hour ansaphone). Please quote reference number AS 68.

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Information Packs and application forms from Carolyn Hucker, Personnel Officer, Tel No. 01 748 2040 Ext. 2995.

Closing date : 1st April 1987

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R J Haynes
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Court agrees to sterilization of girl aged 17

In re B (a Minor) (Sterilization)

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment March 16]

The court had jurisdiction to authorize a sterilization operation on a ward of court in wardship proceedings but it was a jurisdiction which should be exercised only as a last resort when all other forms of contraception had been considered.

Moreover, there was no question of a natural parent or a local authority having parental rights giving consent to a sterilization operation without first obtaining the leave of the court in wardship proceedings.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the Official Solicitor acting as *guardian ad litem* of the ward from a decision of Mr Justice Bush sitting in chambers in Newcastle upon Tyne on January 20, 1987. The judge had granted leave to Sunderland Borough Council to arrange for a sterilization operation upon the ward.

Mr Henry Turcan for the *guardian ad litem*; Miss Christine Harmer for the local authority. Miss Eleanor Hamilton for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the proceedings were started by the local authority in June 1986 to establish wardship and to obtain the leave of the court for the ward to undergo a sterilization operation. In that application the local authority was supported by the ward's mother.

The ward was born on May 20, 1969 and she would be 18 years old in May. She was the second of five children of the mother. Her father who had left home when he was divorced from the mother and played no part in the proceedings.

On May 31, 1973 a care order was made in respect of the ward vesting care in the local authority and transferring parental rights to the local authority under section 1(2)(a) of the Children and Young Persons' Act 1969. She had lived in homes run by the local authority and spent weekends and part of the school holidays with her mother at the mother's home.

The Official Solicitor was appointed *guardian ad litem with leave to arrange medical* examinations. The ward had a moderate degree of mental handicap.

She did not need protection under the Mental Health Act but she was of low intelligence. She could dress herself, look after herself during menstruation and perform simple domestic tasks but her power of communication was limited to a few words at a time.

She could not be let out because she did not understand traffic or the use of money. She was an epileptic but the fits were controlled by drugs.

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She suffered from extremes of moods and could in one of her moods become very aggressive and violent. She also had a history of reacting badly to medication.

Latterly, it had been observed by the mother and the local authority that she was showing signs of sexual awareness and sexual drive with a risk of pregnancy.

Many years ago a risk of pregnancy would not have arisen because she would have been strictly insutitionalized. Now she was given a greater degree of freedom and with it a greater risk of sexual intercourse and pregnancy.

Therefore the question of long-term contraception was considered and because of the various drugs she was prescibed it was thought that there were only two possible methods: (i) progesterone taken daily in pill form for the rest of her reproductive life and (ii) sterilization by occluding the fallopian tubes which would be a irreversible procedure.

In *In re D* ([1976] Fam 185, 193E) Mrs Justice Heilbron, in refusing sterilization, said that the operation was one which involved the deprivation of a basic human right, namely, the right of a woman to reproduce, and, therefore, it would be, if performed on a woman for non-therapeutic reasons and without her consent, a violation of such right.

That was what made the present case such an anxious one. The ward was and would remain incapable of giving an informed consent to sterilization, abortion or marriage. As far as she was concerned the right to reprodnce would mean nothing to her.

She had no desire to reproduce and she would not link sex with the birth of a baby and would not be capable of looking after a baby. If she became pregnant the pregnancy would have to be terminated.

As to jurisdiction, it was common ground that section 1 of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 did not apply and that there was no power in any statute or at common law to enable a sterilization operation to be sanctioned without her consent after she had reached 18. Therefore, the wardship jurisdiction of the court was invoked.

In *In re D*, Mrs Justice *Heilbron had referred to Wellesley v Duke of Beaufort* ((1827) 2 Russ I, 20) where Lord Eldon, Lord Chancellor, had said that the wardship jurisdiction was founded on the obvious necessity that the law should take care of individuals who could not take care of themselves.

His Lordship would hold that the court in wardship proceedings had jurisdiction to authorize a sterilization operation on a ward but it was a jurisdiction which should be exercised only in the last resort.

Moreover, there was no question of a natural parent or a local authority having parental rights seeking to have a sterilization operation on a minor carried out without the leave of the court in wardship proceedings.

Was this a case of last resort? Having regard to all the evidence and taking account of the fact that the operation was irreversible, his Lordship was of the view that it was, because of the unsuitability of other forms of contraception.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Official Solicitor; Mr J. Hunter, Sunderland; Freedman Hamilton & Emmerson, Sunderland.

Duty to Lords

In *Ainsbury v Millington* (*The Times* March 13) which referred to the duty of counsel and solicitors to inform appellate courts of any event which arguably disposed of the appeal, it should have been made clear that Lord Bridge said that when the appeal was called on for hearing their Lordships were required to be satisfied that the appeal could be properly entertained, having regard to the termination of the parties' tenancy to which the respondents' case had drawn attention.

Further, his Lordship did not suggest that blame attached to anyone in the instant case. The legal aid authorities were kept fully informed of the relevant developments and acted on counsel's opinion in deciding that legal aid for the appeal could properly be continued.

Not so much a reunion, more a revival, as an old show is set to a new tempo

T and D to put fire back in the ice

Cincinnati

It may have seemed a nightmare at the time but Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean are beginning to count the benefits that have flowed from the accident that has put them out of action for nearly three months.

"We were pretty run down and tired," Dean says, "and too busy performing to put our minds to new ideas. Now we've had time to stand back and assess our situation. Things are happening again now and we're really excited. We're bursting to get back into action. We're revitalized."

An Italian restaurant in Cincinnati was the scene of our three-cornered reunion, the first time we had met since collaborating on a book three years ago. They had been summoned here to be presented with the Jacques Favart Trophy, an award given only occasionally by the International Skating Union to those who have brought special distinction to the sport.

This was in the middle of the world championships here and I noted a marked change in their demeanour. In their amateur days one would have known better than to approach them during competition. Now, with others under the whip, they were totally relaxed, courteously greeting well-wishers, familiar or otherwise, and signing autographs.

They are still big in the United States in spite of the accident at Portland, Maine, on November 29. The date came out pat, seemingly etched in Chris's memory, because it marked such a traumatic change in their circumstances. It was to have been the tenth of a whistle-stop tour of 60 cities. It proved to be the last.

Coming off the ice after rehearsal he had tripped, fallen awkwardly and hurt his right wrist. Nothing much to worry about was his first reaction but within a quarter of an hour of ice treatment and manipulation, which almost certainly aggravated the injury, he realized it might be serious.

He later learned he had fractured the scaphoid, a tiny bone less than an inch long judging by the gap between forefinger and thumb as he tried to demonstrate angler-wise. "It's the king-pin of the wrist," he explains. "Yet X-rays can fail to pick it up, sometimes it never mends."

By now the paying customers in Portland were entering the hall. "We had a commitment to them," Jayne adds, "so we did the first number, our Olympic *paso doble*, but I realized we couldn't possibly complete the show. I knew he was in pain by the way he was holding back. He is not like that.

"We've all had our aches and pains but Chris has always been an example to the whole company in fighting through anything like that. I knew now we were in trouble. We'd tried some lifts before doing the *paso*. It's horrible to think he was doing that with a broken wrist."

The rest of the company completed the first half of the show, duly adjusted while Chris sought hospital treatment, but the promoters had to announce at the interval that their star attractions had had to pull out and invite the audience to reclaim their money.

The kids, as Jayne calls the rest of the company, were distraught. "They'd thought at first 'good, we're off for the afternoon'," Jayne says, "But when we had to give them the three weeks notice under contract they were in tears. It was really sad. We were both shattered psychologically."

Chris was in plaster for eight weeks, though able to skate on his own quite soon after the accident. Jayne took the opportunity to have an operation to reduce a swelling on the right ankle.

The lay-off has been a costly setback, though they have no precise figures. Jayne's one extravagance is a Mercedes sports car, a fascinating choice for a young woman generally averse from showing off, except, of course, on the ice. As for Chris, "He has an E-type Jag, but," she adds with a mischievous smile, "he bought his second-hand."

They are proud of the way they have brought their company from three or so couples in the first place to a total now of 16. "We've all grown up together into one big family," Jayne says. "We've made it clear that everyone is just as important as the next person. Status as amateurs is irrelevant and we've had to drill that out of them. There is no distinction between ice dancers and pair skaters and we get them to change partners if necessary. They accept that as a challenge.

"If you play fair with them," Chris explains, "the rest of the company will do any chastising that is necessary if someone steps out of line. But we've been pretty lucky. We discovered that one couple weren't up to it and they lasted only a short time. That's rare." They expect to be able to call on the same skaters when they reassemble later this year.

As for the future. Chris bubbles with enthusiasm. He promises two completely new shows from next year, with a glint in the eye which suggests he expects them to make a big impact. Meanwhile, the first commitment is to finish the United States tour, albeit truncated, next winter. In the meantime they hope to fit in a short European tour.

It is odd to think that at a time when the International Skating Union are contemplating reducing the compulsory dances, along with abandoning the compulsory figures, Chris and Jayne have gone back to basics. "We spent three hours one day at Slough recently doing nothing but three turns, left foot, right foot, backwards and forwards and from now on we'll practise compulsory dances every day. It's our bar work."

The parallel with ballet is specially appropriate because they, indeed their whole company, now set much store by floor dance and Chris has choreographed a solo item for himself lasting almost seven minutes. Those who saw their television show "Fire and Ice" will readily appreciate why he is branching out into that sphere.

Their new shows too, will depend heavily on his choreographic skills, because they will be substantially his own creation. "He has now learned how to choreograph a whole company, not just him and me," Jayne adds.

Their relationship grows even more secure. The responsibility for looking after the company and the myriad by-productive activities means they are no longer totally wrapped up in each other. "We've learned to get on with other people," Chris says, "and it's been good for both of us. We've found out more about each other in the process and we're even closer together now."

John Hennessy



Taking off again: Torvill and Dean are winging their way to a new peak

MOTOR RACING

Palmer's Porsche deal with Lloyd

By a Correspondent

Jonathan Palmer, one of Britain's leading Grand Prix drivers, has signed to drive a Liqui Moly Porsche 962 for Richard Lloyd Racing in the World Sports-Prototype championship which begins in Spain next Monday.

The qualified doctor has driven for Lloyd's Silverstone-based team in previous seasons, his successes including victory at Brands Hatch in 1984 and second at Le Mans in 1985. Later that year he was lucky to survive a massive accident at Spa which broke his right leg. Now he leads the team with Baldi, the Italian, as his partner.

Palmer was at one stage a candidate for Silk Cut Jaguar, but his determination to hang on for the No. 2 McLaren F1 drive alongside Prost, the world champion, which eventually went to the Swede, Johansson, lost him both that opportunity and his Zakspeed drive to Brundle.

With his Porsche deal agreed, he now harbours hopes of driving the second Tyrrell or Brabham this season.



Palmer: Lloyd's lead driver

● Raúl Boesel, the Brazilian who competed with Palmer during the 1981 F3 season, served notice at Silverstone last Thursday that he will rival him again in this year's World Sports Prototype championship. During testing he lapped his Silk Cut Jaguar XJR6 in 1min 9.9sec, which will stand as the fastest-ever sports car lap of the existing circuit layout, which is to undergo modification within the next few weeks.

● The overwhelming victory by John Herbert in Sunday's opening round of the Lucas British F3 championship has thrown many teams into confusion. The British drivers' Stelrad Reynard used a new Spiess-modified Volkswagen engine, and though Herbert drove superbly he clearly had that rare thing in the competitive world of F3 — a power advantage. Now many must consider equipping themselves with similar units, assuming they will be available.

The pre-event favourites, Donnelly, Danielsson and McCarthy, were upstaged as the newcomers Gachot, Schonstrom and Kox took the next three places.

THRUXTON: British Formula Three Championship: First round: 1, J Herbert, 18min 22.62sec; 2, B Gachot, 18:27.28; 3, N Schoenstram, 18:28.38. Motul British Formula Ford 2000 championship (13 laps): 1, J Jarvilehto, 16:30.26; 2, G Van Ulsen, 16:31.89; 3, J Elbott, 16:32.20. Universal Racing Services Ford 2000 championship: 1: R Townsend, 14:04.51; 2, T Bellamy, 14:45.24; 3, M Mckay, 15:10.17. Wendy Woods special saloons: 1, T Nicholls, 15:10.31; 2, G Marshall, 15-11.32; 3, P Mannion, 15:48.03. Townsend Thoresen junior formula Ford 1600: 1, D Higgins, 14:27.33; 2, R Reynolds, 14:28.71; 3, C Foster, 14:31.68. Monroe Shock Absorber production saloon: 1, M Smith, 15:42.39; 2, R Gravett, 16:21.70; 3, A Minshaw, 16:31.81. JDC Pre '68 saloon car challenge: 1, A Williams, 17:23.60; 2, R Newall, 17:49.75; 3, A Goddard, 18:20.63.

VOLLEYBALL

Cup defeat adds to the misery for Redwood

By a Special Correspondent

Redwood Lodge, who lost in the final of the Royal Bank English men's cup to Malory at Crystal Palace on Sunday, face the most critical fortnight in their 12-year history. Without financial backing for next season, they are likely to fold and the English Volleyball Association have given the Bristol club another two weeks to decide whether they can continue in the first division.

Bobby Smith, the club's captain and a former English international, was pessimistic about the future after Sunday's 15-4, 15-11, 15-3 defeat by Malory, as the team are seeking £3,000 for operating costs next term.

Malory look set to go from strength to strength after their win, with their Canadian, Jeff Williams — whose arrival in September led to the London club changing their system of play — likely to make an indelible mark on the English game. Having played for four years in Sweden and gaining Canadian junior caps, Williams was the outstanding player in the final.

Sale, having clinched the English women's cup by beating Ashcombe 15-9, 15-10, 16-14 on Saturday, can take a significant step towards the first division title if they can defeat Ashcombe again this Sunday.

In Scotland MIM Livingston's bid for their first men's league and cup double for four years will be opposed on both fronts by Bellshill Cardinals. MIM must defeat Bellshill on Saturday to win the league — if they fail, the title would go to Krystal Klear on set difference provided the Ardrossan side win their final match with Kinleith.

MIM and Bellshill will also meet in the Scottish cup final at Meadowbank on May 3. In Saturday's semi-finals at East Kilbride MIM took five sets to edge out Scottish Farm andBellshill defeated the holders, Krystal Klear.

Provincial Insurance, the holders, had to work hard to overcome Finnies Sport 3-1 in the women's cup semi-final and Scottish Farm qualified for the final with a similar scoreline against Glasgow Bannerman.

HOCKEY

Visiting Scots suffer double defeat by Irish

By Joyce Whitehead

Scotland played Ireland twice in Dublin at the weekend and were defeated both times, 2-1 and 3-0. On Saturday, after the initial few minutes of Irish activity, Scotland held their own but Ireland scored in each half, through Barnwell and Poner. Fraser pulled one back for Scotland in the 57th minute.

On Sunday the Scots should have scored, but Ireland's build-up was persistent and Barnwell, Burns and Menonn all scored in the second half — the last two in the final 10 minutes.

The England under-18 team to play in the international tournament in Largs has been announced. Smith, of Kent, is captain, and for the first time, the captains of the three England teams all come from the east of the country.

TEAM: S Barnfield (Kent), C Cook (Cumberland), M Crowe (Suffolk), R Dobbie (Devon), L Duckworth (Lancashire), F Lee (West Yorkshire), J Mould (Leicestershire), R Pilkington (North Merseyside), C Pluckrose (Kent), P Scott (Wiltshire), J Shaw (Cambridgeshire), J Smith (capt, Kent), K Spencer (Avon), H Thomasley (Lincolnshire), T White (Leicestershire), J Wood (Greater Manchester).

ICE HOCKEY

Murrayfield racing to first league title

By Norman de Mesquita

Needing only four points from their final three matches, Murrayfield Racers seem likely to be Heineken League champions for the first time. In a determined effort to avenge their recent defeat in South London, they embarrassed Streatham Redskins to the tune of 22-3 on Saturday with Fera establishing a new goal-scoring record for the premier division.

His four goals took him past the previous mark of 129 set last season by Conway. With three games to go, he needs 21 points to beat Salmon's record of 254 points in a season. Tony Hand is not far behind his Canadian team-mate and had seven goals in the defeat of Streatham, including three while his team was short-handed.

Another individual highlight in a high-scoring weekend was five goals and two assists by Conway in Durham Wasps' 11-8 win over Dundee Rockets in this month's televised match. It was a game typical of British ice hockey.

Jim Keyes had three goals in Nottingham Panthers' win at Cleveland, while Stoyanovitch (four goals and four assists) and Moria (three goals and three assists) were the main contributors to Fife Flyers' win over Ayr Bruins.

The Flyers did not do so well on Sunday, losing to the Panthers for the third time this season. Streatham found penalty trouble once again at Ayr, with Melancon earning a major and a misconduct in the final period. Solihull Barons, suffering their 20th successive defeat, lost Crapper to a match penalty in the second period.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 2, Nottingham Panthers 5; Durham Wasps 11, Dundee Rockets 8; Fife Flyers 13, Ayr Bruins 2; Murrayfield Racers 22, Streatham Redskins 3; Whitley Warriors 14, Solihull Barons 3; Ayr Bruins 7, Streatham Redskins 4; Dundee Rockets 11, Whitley Warriors 2; Nottingham Panthers 10, Fife Flyers 6. First division: Blackpool Seagulls 12, Swindon Wildcats 6; Lee Valley Lions 13, Glasgow Eagles 16; Slough Jets 13, Medway Bears 14; Telford Tigers 13, Sunderland Chiefs 7; Medway Bears 14, Glasgow Eagles 4; Oxford City Stars 11, Bournemouth Stags 3; Peterborough Pirates 22, Lee Valley Lions 7; Richmond Flyers 5, Southampton Vikings 8; Trafford Metros 16, Irvine, Wings 8.

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CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 PROTECTION (nap).
2.50 First Bout.
3.30 See You Then.
4.05 Aonoch.
4.40 Lean Ar Aghaidh.
5.15 Far Bridge.

By Michael Seely

3.30 See You Then. 4.5 AONOCH (nap). 4.40 Glyde Court.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 LEAN AR AGHAIDH.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... S West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider *plus any allowance. The Times Private* Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

2.15 WATERFORD CRYSTAL SUPREME NOVICE HURDLE (Grade I: £23,190: 2m) (20 runners) BBC 1

103	0220	BILOXI BLUES 19 (S) (Mrs M O'Toole) M O'Toole (Ire) 5-11-8	F Berry	78
104	1-1F013	BLACK SAND 30 (D,S) *(D Wakefield) G Stack (Ire) 5-11-8*	*N Byrne*	77
105	14	CELTIC SHOT 24 (D,S) (D Horton) F Winter 5-11-8	J Duggan	80
106	200-113	CHRISTIAN SCHAD 3 (D,G,S) (Miss M Pratten) O O'Neill 5-11-8	A Webb	96
110	02110	FOURTH TUDOR 38 (B,D,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 5-11-8	G McCourt	77
111	0-41	HAVE FAITH 18 (D,S) (N Goymer) S Woodman 6-11-8	M Richards	72
112	0110	HIGH PLAINS 66 (D,S) (H Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-8	R Dunwoody	84
113	22/28	HILL'S PAGEANT 39 (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 8-11-8	K Mooney	70
115	21112	KISSANE 30 (D,G,S) (Miss A O'Connell) J Scott (Ire) 6-11-8	J Shortt	99
118	01P0	MR PARKER 34 (D,F) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-8	R Rowe	70
119	00F	OFFICER'S MESS 19 (G,F) *(Mrs S Purcell) M Halford (Ire) 5-11-8*	B Sheridan	—
120	U23431	OUTRIDER 12 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Morris) M Morris (Ire) 5-11-8	N Madden	73
122	311	PROTECTION 39 (D,G) (H Joel) A Turnell 5-11-8	Steve Knight	90
126	1313	SMITH'S GAMBLE 18 (D,S) (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-8	P Scudamore	71
127	11222	SPECIAL VINTAGE 17 (D,BF,G,S) (J Murdoch) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-8	M Dwyer	88
128	3-11212	TARTAN TAILOR 15 (D,F,G) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-8	P Tuck	84
129	220-113	TELETRADER 109 (D,BF,F,G) (J Hoare) R Hodges 6-11-8	B Powell	95
131	311	WELCOME PIN 23 (D,G,S) (W O'Gorman) *P Hughes (Ire) 6-11-8*	T Carmody	99
133	0-00	AU-REVOIR JOAN 24 (N Smith) N A Smith 5-11-3	Mr M Wellings	—
137	03	CUDDY DALE 21 (G *Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-11-0*	Miss G Armytage	50

BETTING: 9-2 Welcome Pin, 6-1 Kissane, 7-1 Procession, 8-1 Tartan Trader, Outrider, 10-1 Smith's Gamble, Special Vintage, Christian Schad. 14-1 Black Sand, High Plains, 16-1 Teletrader, 20-1 others.

1986: RIVER CERIOG 5-11-8 S Smith Eccles (40-1) N Henderson 29 ran

FORM KISSANE, a creditable 2nd latest start, previously (11-6) ran out 6l winner despite mistake at last from BILOXI BLUES (10-7) at Leopardstown (2m 2f, £9,490, good, Dec 27, 10 ran). CHRISTIAN SCHAD, fair 3rd at Chepstow last Saturday, previously (11-5) ran on well to beat Prime Oats (11-4) 1½l, with subsequent winner Bases (11-4) 10l away 3rd (Ascot, 2m, £3,141, good, Feb 11, 16 ran) with MR PARKER (12-0) 7th. PROTECTION continues on the upgrade: last time (11-5) beat SPECIAL VINTAGE (11-10) 6l at Sandown (2m, £3,455, good, Feb 6, 26 ran) with HILL'S PAGEANT (11-0) a further 9½l away 5th and FOURTH TUDOR (11-10) 9th. TELETRADER, off the course since finishing 3rd to Robin Goodfellow and Skygrange at Sandown in November, is best judged on an earlier (11-5) 8l and 4l beating of those same 2 horses (11-6) at Ascot (2m, £3,057, good, Nov 15, 8 ran). WELCOME PIN (11-7) beat Gaimoy (11-9) by 3l at Navan, (£6,610, good, Feb 21, 11 ran). However, that was over 2m 6f and his previous form at today's trip is not as good.
Selection: TELETRADER

2.50 ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Grade I: £21,965: 2m) (19 runners) BBC 1

201	P1441U	ALLTEN GLAZED 15 (CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs W Widdall) M Naughton 10-11-8	C Grant	92
202	203132	BLUECHER 34 (D,F,S) (J Stringer) D Grissell 6-11-8	R Goldstein	75
204	2-F111P	COTTAGE RUN 24 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 7-11-8	R Dunwoody	88
205	0-022P1	DALBURY 25 (F,G,S) (R Smale) A Moore 9-11-8	G Moore	86
206	14-111F	DAN THE MILLAR 34 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs M Heggas) Mrs M Dickinson 8-11-8	G Bradley	99
207	430-112	*FIRST BOUT 24 (D,BF,G,S) (W Shober) N Henderson 6-11-8*	*S Smith Eccles*	88
208	F42233	GALA'S IMAGE 31 (F,G,S) (Sheikh A Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-8	R Linley	72
209	331212	*GENERAL CHANDOS 31 (D,F,G,S) (S Bradburne) J Bradburne 8-11-8*	*Mr J Bradburne*	75
210	03/3P-21	HILL'S GUARD 13 (F,G,S) (G Shaw) C Tinkler 8-11-8	A Stringer	84
212	FF1211	KOUROS 24 (D,G,S) (F Starr) O Brennan 8-11-8	M Brennan	94
214	304221	PATRICK'S FAIR 22 (F,G,S) (W Slater) R Peacock 11-11-8	R Beggan	70
215	P03132	PENNY'S DREAM 17 (D,S) (Developmore Ltd) T Cunningham 8-11-8	P Tuck	62
216	0-21032	RAISE AN ARGUMENT 35 (D,G,S) (J Poynton) Mrs B Hamilton (Ire) 8-11-8	—	86
218	210110	SOUND ARGUMENT 100 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Dolan) M Pipe 8-11-8	P Scudamore	85
219	113-300	STRATHLINE 27 (F) (R Fsiers) M Oliver 7-11-8	E Buckley	—
221	1310-11	TICKITE BOO 21 (F,G,S) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-8	M Dwyer	80
222	032F03	WILLIAM CRUMP 16 (BF,G,S) (Mrs J Mullion) *D Hughes (Ire) 6-11-8*	T Morgan	73
223	100031	EVENING SONG 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 8-11-3	Mr P Townsley	80
224	*04-1221*	*RIBOBELLE 29 (D,F,G,S) (T Chandler) M Pipe 8-11-3*	*M Perrett*	79

BETTING: 7-2 Dan the Millar, 4-1 First Bout, 9-2 Raise An Argument, 6-1 Kouros, 8-1 Tickite Boo, 10-1 Cottage Run, Hills Guard, 12-1 William Crump, 16-1 others.

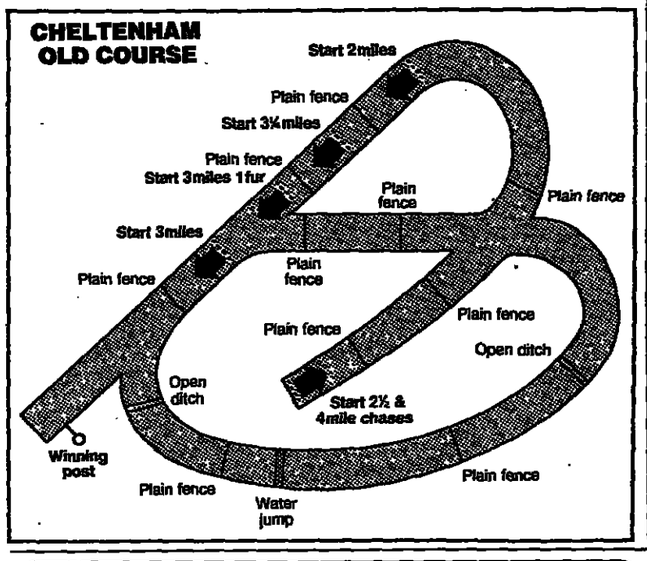
1986: OREGON TRAIL 6-11-8 R Beggan (14-1) S Christian 14 ran

FORM ALLTEN GLAZED finished a creditable 6th in this race last year and on latest completed outing (10-0) beat Blackdeet (11-10) 1¼l in handicap company at Ayr (2m, £2,364, good to soft, Feb 14, 6 ran). DALBURY, who needs to be held up, (11-0) beat Masterplan (11-7) 1½l at Sandown last time (2m 4f 68yd, £3,148, good to soft, Feb 20, 7 ran). DAN THE MILLAR (12-0) fell in race in which BLUECHER (11-4) finished a neck 2nd to Taelos (11-4) at Ascot (2m, £6,158, good, Feb 11, 7 ran). Previously, DAN THE MILLAR (11-11) gained 30l win over Long Engagement (11-4) at Doncaster (2m 150yd, £8,962, good, Dec 13, 4 ran). KOUROS (11-5) improves with every run and beat the highly-regarded FIRST BOUT (11-10) ½l at Nottingham (2m, £7,438, good, Feb 21, 6 ran) with COTTAGE RUN (11-10) pulled up after breaking a blood vessel. Previously, FIRST BOUT (11-5) was impressive when left clear at the last by last-fence falls of DALBURY (11-5) and Comeragh King (Sandown, 2m 18yd, £9,350, good, Feb 6, 6 ran). TICKITE BOO has won both his chases impressively, the most recent being (11-10) a 7l win over Lucky Rascal (11-3) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1,982, soft, Feb 24, 12 ran). RIBOBELLE (11-1) beat Pelham Line (10-10) in a mares only event at Plumpton (2m 4f, £1,925, soft, Feb 16, 14 ran) last time with EVENING SONG (11-1) 20l back in 3rd.
Selection: FIRST BOUT

Festival specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
E O'Grady (Ire)	3	14	21.4
P Mullins (Ire)	4	21	19.0
F Walwyn	6	35	17.1
F Winter	7	49	14.3
N Henderson	6	43	14.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Shilston	3	11	27.3
D Browne	3	20	15.0
S Smith Eccles	5	41	12.2
G Bradley	3	32	9.4
F Berry	3	36	8.3



3.30 WATERFORD CRYSTAL CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade I: £43,205: 2m) (18 runners) BBC 2

302	212123	BARNBROOK AGAIN 19 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (M Davies) *D Elsworth 6-12-0*	S Sherwood	88
303	0-30041	BONALMA 33 (B,D,S) (C Hanbury) A Moore (Ire) 7-12-0	T Tasde	77
304	1123-4	BRUANCO 15 (D,BF,G,S) *(T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-12-0*	G McCourt	83
305	3/12	CONMANDANTE 18 (D,BF,G,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-12-0	E Murphy	80
306	2F-F2F1	CORPORAL CLINGER 22 (C,D,F,G,S) (Jay Dee Racing Ltd) M Pipe 5-12-0	P Scudamore	87
307	113221	DEEP IDOL 35 (F,S) (D) (H Stanley) P Osborne (Ire) 7-12-0	H Madden	91
308	2-1	FLATTERER 120 (W Pape) J Sheppard US, 8-12-0	J Fishback	—
309	002FF0	HERBERT UNITED 36 (G,S) (D) (R Bell) D McDonogh (Ire) 8-12-0	H Rogers	83
310	1911-00	I BIN ZAIDOON 24 (D,BF,G,S) (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 6-12-0	G Bradley	73
311	10-1420	*JIMSINTIME 31 (D,G,S) (M Davies) R Brazington 8-12-0*	*R Beggan*	67
313	2U0-111	NOHALMDUN 82 (CD,F,G,S) (Ulceby Farms Ltd) M H Easterby 5-12-0	L Wyer	96
314	020114	PRIDEAUX BOY 19 (D,F,G,S) (C Roach) C Roach 9-12-0	M Bowlby	87
315	0-04120	RA NOVA 31 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 8-12-0	M Perrett	88
316	121-33F	RIVER CERIOG 52 (CD,G,S) (R McAlpine) N Henderson 6-12-0	D Browne	84
318	411232	SAFFRON LORD 19 (CD,F,G,S) (A Hunt) L Kennard 5-12-0	B Powell	81
319	11/112-1*	SEE YOU THEN 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Stype Wood Stud Ltd) N Henderson 7-12-0	S Smith Eccles	99
320	*014321*	*STEPASIDE LORD 24 (D,F,G,S) (P Green) D Nicholson) 5-12-0*	R Dunwoody	70
321	442223	MRS MUCK 11 (CD,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-9	S Morshead	88

BETTING: 4-5 See You Then, 5-1 Nohalmdun, 8-1 Flatterer, 12-1 Barnbrook Again, 16-1 Corporal Clinger, River Ceriog, 20-1 Deep Idol, 33-1 Bruanco, Stepaside Lord, 40-1 Prideaux Boy, 50-1 others.

1989: SEE YOU THEN 6-12-0 S Smith Eccles (5-6 fav) N Henderson 23 ran

FORM CORPORAL CLINGER is not the safest jumper but returned to form when (11-9) beating Robin Wonder (11-2) 5l at Fontwell (2m 4f, £4,668, good, Feb 23, 7 ran). DEEP IDOL looks the best of the Irish challengers after (11-5) beating BARNBROOK AGAIN (11-9) 2l at Leopardstown last time with BONALMA (11-4) 12l further back in 4th and HERBERT UNITED (11-8) 6l further away in 5th (2m, £21,750, good to soft, Feb 8, 7 ran). *FLATTERER, winner of the Colonial Cup, was (10-1) 5l 2nd to Le Rheuscis (10-0) at Auteuil, a performance that suggests, on the limited evidence available, he is a better hurdler than Dawn Run* (3m, £45898, good, Jun 27, 7 ran). NOHALMDUN, 3rd in this race last year, is an improved performer this season and has had the perfect preparation: his best effort was (11-3) a 12l defeat of MRS MUCK (10-12) at Kempton with RA NOVA (11-3) 3l further back in 4th and PRIDEAUX BOY (11-3) a total of 17½l away 5th, (2m, 219128, soft, Dec 27, 7 ran). SEE YOU THEN, chasing a hat-trick in this event, beat (12-0) Gaye Brief (12-0) 7l here last season with NOHALMDUN (12-0) 1½l away 3rd, PRIDEAUX BOY (12-0) a neck further back in 4th, BONALMA (12-0) a head away 6th and HERBERT UNITED (12-0) 3l further back in 9th; RA NOVA (12-0) was out of the first 9 and CORPORAL CLINGER (12-0) fell (2m, £41,435, good to soft, Mar 11, 23 ran). This term SEE YOU THEN (11-12) comfortably beat Ballydurrow (11-4) 1½l with MRS MUCK (11-3) 4l away 3rd (Haydock, 2m, £3,616, soft, Mar 6, 4 ran).
Selection: SEE YOU THEN

4.5 WATERFORD CRYSTAL STAYERS' HURDLE (Grade I: £21,710: 3m 1f) (15 runners)

401	321P3P	ACE OF SPIES 18 (B,F,S) (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 5-11-10	J Bryan	57
402	104131	AONOCH 17 (C,F,G,S) (H Oliver) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-10	Jacqui Oliver	99
403	F01/16P	BARWAR 29 (G,S) (Capt R Johnson) C Spares 9-11-10	S Keightley	90
405	F-20334	CIMA 34 (C,S) (R Padmore) J Old 9-11-10	R Dunwoody	75
407	2/412-00	CRIMSON EMBERS 34 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 12-11-10	S Shilston	88
408	04-4122	DADS GAMELE 76 (G,S) *(R Gilder) J Gifford 6-11-10*	*E Murphy*	82
409	2/1021-2	GALMOY 23 (BF,S) (Miss D Threadwell) J Mulhern (Ire) 8-11-10	T Carmody	94
411	204031-	MALFORD LAD 335 (C,S) *(R Hawker) R Hawker 9-11-10*	*E Wake*	64
412	43-0111	MODEL PUPIL 34 (C,F,G,S) (Niland & Treacy Con Co Ltd) O O'Neill 7-11-10	S J O'Neill	75
413	000-031	OUT OF THE GLOOM 94 (C,G,S) (P Green) R Hollinshead 6-11-10	P Scudamore	75
415	143202	ROBIN WONDER 22 (C,F,S) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 9-11-10	G Bradley	82
416	04-B110	SHEPHERD'S HYMN 18 (F,G,S) (H Grain) P Blockley 8-11-10	R Beggan	51
417	1221-04	SINGLECOTE 17 (G,S) (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 7-11-10	M Bastard	61
418	124212	SPIDER'S WELL 17 (F,G,S) (A Taylor) D Barons 11-11-10	Miss T Davis	77
419	111-402	ATRABATES 34 (B,C,F,G,S) (Atrabates Cricket Club) C Sherwood 7-11-5	S Sherwood	72

BETTING: 11-4 Aonoch, 7-2 Galmoy, 9-2 Robin Wonder, 6-1 Model Pupil, 7-1 Crimson Embers, 8-1 Out Of The Gloom, 10-1 Cima, 12-1 Dad's Gamble, 14-1 others.

1986: CRIMSON EMBERS 11-11-10 S Shilston (12-1) F Walwyn 19 ran

FORM AONOCH, *3rd in this race in 1985, has never run a bad race over 3m and (12-0) was very impressive 12l winner from SPIDERS WELL (11-5) at Kempton last time with SINGLECOTE (11-9) 14½l further back in 4th* (3m, £6,552, soft, Feb 28, 9 ran). Previously, AONOCH (12-0) beat CIMA (11-7) easy 4l at Haydock (3m, £5,744, good to soft, Jan 24, 5 ran). MODEL PUPIL has improved all season and (11-9) produced best effort to beat ATRABATES (11-4) 3l at Ascot last time with CIMA (12-0) 6¼l back in 4th and CRIMSON EMBERS (12-5) a further 1½l away 5th (3m, £4,417, good, Feb 11, 8 ran). CRIMSON EMBERS has not shown best form since (12-2) a 6l 2nd to Gaye Brief (12-2) at Ascot with AONOCH (12-2), well below form, 5l further back in 3rd (3m, £9,318, good, Apr 9, 11 ran). GALMOY, the sole Irish challenger, was given a gentle introduction on reappearance when 3l 2nd to Welcome Pin (11-7) at Navan (2m 6f, £6,610, good to yielding, Feb 21, 11 ran). ROBIN WONDER should be suited by this trip and showed well-being with (11-2) a 5l 2nd to Corporal Clinger (11-9) at Fontwell recently (2m 2f, £4,668, good, Feb 23, 7 ran).
Selection: AONOCH

4.40 KIM MUIR MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £10,456: 3m) (17 runners)

501	212044	OMERTA 30 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs J McMorrow) J Scott (Ire) 7-11-13	J Dempsey	80
502	10-21214	PEATY SANDY 18 (D,BF,G,S) (Miss H Hamilton) Miss H Hamilton 13-11-12	A Dudgeon (4)	91
503	PP13-1P	ARCTIC BEAU 115 (CD,F,G,S) (P Venn) Mrs J Thorne 9-11-2	W Mullins	91
505	1F/4PU1-	GLYDE COURT 371 (CD,G,S) (C Cronin) F Winter 10-11-1	J Queally	92
506	00-3101	BURANNPOUR 32 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 7-10-12	G Oxley (7)	91
511	3-U0441	THE ELLIER 35 (S) (D) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 11-10-9	Miss G Armytage (4)	83
512	*0/43311*	*LEAN AR AGHAIDH 5 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 10-10-7*	*T Thomson Jones*	99
515	FFP-012	TORSIDE 22 (D,BF,S) (G C Bladgrove Ltd) M Pipe 8-10-5	R Bellamy (7)	90
516	1000-PP	BROOMY BANK 94 (CD,G,S) (C Lumsden) G Rae 12-10-5	C Lumsden (7)	82
517	F1123U	CERIMAU 12 (D,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 9-10-5	M Richards (7)	90
518	0F21D3	LASTOFTHEBROWNIES 15 (D,G,S) (M Smurfit) M Morris (Ire) 7-10-5	NON-RUNNER	—
520	032-021	GREENWOOD LAD 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (C Sporborg) C Sporborg 10-10-5	W Sporborg (7)	80
521	123110	GOLDEN MINSTREL 29 (D,BF,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 8-10-5	D Baker (7)	81
522	P0-4P1F	BALLY-GO 26 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C Bell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-10-5	J Osborne (7)	83
526	P4PP34	HOMESON 17 (F,G,S) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 10-10-5	T Grantham	87
527	020102	MISTER DONUT 5 (D,F,S) (E Swaffield) R Hodges 9-10-5	T Mitchell (7)	72
530	P-34312	FETHARD FRIEND 24 (D,BF,F,G,S) (K Al-Faiz) J A Edwards 12-10-5	P Fenton (4)	74

BETTING: 4-1 Glyde Court, 5-1 Omerta, 6-1 Lean Ar Aghaidh, 8-1 Peaty Sandy, Greenwood Lad, 10-1 Golden Minstrel, Burannpour, 12-1 Fetherd Friend, 16-1 others.

1986: GLYDE COURT 9-11-0 J Queally (13-2) F Winter 20 ran

FORM OMERTA (12-0) is best judged on an 11¾L 4th to Forgive 'N Forget (12-0) at Leopardstown (3m, £49,850, soft, Feb 14, 9 ran). PEATY SANDY (11-11) put up fine effort on penultimate outing when beating Dark Ivy (11-6) 3l at Newcastle (4m 1f, £7,215, good, Feb 21, 9 ran). GLYDE COURT has won this *race for the last two years, 12 months ago (11-0) beating Planetman (11-4) ½l with BROOMY BANK (11-4) 14l back in 5th. GREENWOOD LAD (11-5) a 2nd fence faller and CERIMAU (10-5) brought down at the same fence* (3m, £10,183, good to soft, Mar 11, 1986, 20 ran). BURANNPOUR (10-12) showed improved form to beat Clara Mountain (11-1) ½l at Newbury (3m, £3,292, good to soft, Feb 13, 12 ran). LEAN AR AGHAIDH (11-10) chasing treble after beating MISTER DONUT (10-2) 12l at Wincanton (3m 5f, £1,942, good to soft, Mar 12, 9 ran). *CERIMAU (11-13) is best judged on 4l 2nd to Fell Climb (11-0) at Towcester (3m, £2,142, soft, Dec 22, 11 ran).*
Selection: LEAN AR AGHAIDH

5.15 CHELTENHAM GRAND ANNUAL CHASE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£12,198: 2m) (16 runners)

601	1F0041	FAR BRIDGE 38 (D,F,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 11-11-10	R Guest (7)	93
603	2233F2	MUSIC BE MAGIC 18 (CD,F,S) (N Mason) G Richards 8-11-4	P Tuck	99
604	1F222F	FRENCH UNION 38 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 9-11-3	R Dunwoody	94
605	132111	ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT 11 (D,F,G,S) (W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 10-11-3 (5ex)	S Morshead	91
608	*203222*	*KEVINSFORT 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-12*	*M Dwyer*	92
610	240001	CLAY HILL 18 (D,F,S) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 8-10-11 (5ex)	R Rowe	98
612	0-13P02	WILY YEOMAN 17 (C,F,S) *(Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 8-10-6*	E Murphy	93
613	21331F	ALDRO 11 (D,G,S) (P Riley) W Clay 11-10-3	S J O'Neill	91
614	3433U3	AKRAM 25 (D,F,G,S) (S Allen) R Hodges 9-10-3	R Linley	93
615	234034	ST WILLIAM 25 (D,F,G,S) (W Morecambe) R Hodges 10-10-2	B Powell	94
616	10-0011	THE BAR RULES 371 (D,F,S) (M Meade) M Cunningham (Ire) 10-10-2	Pat Leech	96
617	0340224	THE COUNTY STONE 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Taylor) Mrs J Thorne 10-10-2	K Mooney	90
618	113244	HOPE END 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs Y Alison) R Dickin 9-10-1	C Jones	97
619	2F3P14	TARN 36 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs T Holt) N Gasolee 9-10-1	A Adams (7)	95
621	130122	EDDIE WEE 16 (G,S) (Mrs Y Rock) W Rock (Ire) 11-10-0	A Powell	91
622	221135	TURKANA 15 (D,F,S) (J Upson) T Casey 7-10-0	*R Beggan*	80

BETTING: 9-2 Clay Hill, 6-1 French Union, 7-1 Music Be Magic, Far Bridge, 8-1 The Bar Rules, Itsgottabealright, 10-1 Kevinsfort, 12-1 Tarn, 14-1 Akdro, Akram, 16-1 Hope End, 20-1 others.

1986: PEARLYMAN 7-11-5 G Bradley (14-1) J Edwards 19 ran

FORM MUSIC BE MAGIC will be well suited by the prevailing ground conditions; had a pipe-opener over hurdles last time but his best chase form this season is (11-7) a head 2nd to Berlin (11-2) at Sandown (2m 18yd, £7,118, good to soft, Nov 29, 7 ran) with ST WILLIAM (10-10) 22l back in 4th. FRENCH *UNION is very consistent and ran right up to his best when (11-3) 2½l 2nd to Lochrun (10-9) at Sandown* (2m 18yd, £4,324, good to soft, Jan 10, 5 ran) with FAR BRIDGE (11-10) 27l back in 4th. ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT usually makes the running and was winning for the 4th time this season (11-2) when a distance winner from Captain Dawn (11-7) at Haydock (2m, £4,023, soft, Mar 6, 4 ran). CLAY HILL has won on firm ground but it was soft for his latest success at Kempton (11-5) where he beat Long Engagement (11-1) 10l (2m, £2,856, Feb 27, 7 ran) with HOPE END (10-13) just over 22l back in 4th. ALDRO (11-2) has good chance judged on last completed outing when short head winner from KEVINSFORT (11-13) at Nottingham (2m, £2,419, good to soft, Feb 16, 6 ran). THE BAR RULES (10-11) beat fellow countryman EDDIE WEE (10-11) 3l at Navan (2m, £2,788), yielding. Feb 7. 6 ran) but might be suited by more give in the ground. TARN (10-0) was far from disgraced when 23l 14th to Fearless Imp (11-1) at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, £2,817, good to soft, Feb 9, 9 ran).
Selection: MUSIC BE MAGIC

Clear chance for Drumlargan

DRUMLARGAN, beaten on his last outing by the useful Observe at Lingfield, had *King Ba Ba 40 lengths behind him (Brian Beel writes). Gavin Wragg's veteran should* confirm the form in the Clapper Challenge Hunters Chase at Plumpton today.

Bronze Head and Flying Ace make an interesting pair in the three-runner South Durham Open Hunt Perpetual Challenge Cup at Sedgefield. Both have won their last two races and they are also course winners over this extended distance. Nevertheless, FLYING ACE is the more experienced and should come out best.

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Tom Noel.
2.30 Bounty's Clown.
3.00 Candy Cone.
3.45 Border Knight.
4.20 Flying Ace.
4.50 Trikkala Star.

Going: good

2.0 YARM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£944: 2m) (17 runners)

1	101120-	ROSEMAN 453 (CD,F) (R Thompson) Ron Thompson 6-11-10	R Sailour	94
4	000F00	GODS WILL 26 (D,G,S) *(W Moore) B Richmond 8-11-1*	P Corrigan	—
6	020-304	SPIGOT SHAFT 41 (S Johnson) D Wintle 7-11-0	A Carroll	90
7	400123	JUST GRAYLE 90 (S,CD,F,G) (Mrs S Raines) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-13	P Niven	93
9	0000-40	TOM NOEL 94 (G,S) (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 12-10-12	Mrs H Noonan	95
11		KUDU KING 1552 (S) (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 10-10-11	Mr J Cambidge	—
12	000-00	ASSERMANDA 26 (L,W8C) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-11	J J Quinn	—
15	0021P0	BAVAL 21 (C,G,S) (C) (C Bacon) D Yeoman 10-10-8	C Hawkins	98
16	000-040	*LITTLE MITTENS 32 (C Thornton) R Barr 9-10-8*	*Miss A Beaumont*	87
17	0010-00	ESKER HOUSE 25 (S) (J Haldane) J Haldane 8-10-7	N Doughty	93
19	003	HOAD HILL 25 (C Hunter Ltd) A Robson 4-10-6	D Dutton	87
21	0000/00-	WAR WAR 365 (J Richardson) J Richardson 7-10-1	Mr S Cunningham (7)	—
23	230004	ASCOT AGAIN 48 (B) (Mrs D Ferretti) J P Smith 11-10-0	P A Farrell (4)	91
24	000400	SAGE HAWK 20 (B) (Miss R Gray) R Gray 8-10-0	R Madley (7)	87
26	0000	COUNTRY RHYTHM 52 (B) (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 6-10-0	Mrs M Kendall	—
27	PP0-P00	HORIZONLESS GIRL 20 (G) (G Farndon Engineering) H Wharton 5-10-0	T P White (7)	94
28	0-00F30	CANONBURY FLYER 4 (B,BF) (Mrs M Doohan) G Moore 8-10-0	M Hammond	99

BETTING: 4-1 Asermanda, 5-1 Roseman, 11-2 Hoad Hill, Baval, 6-1 Just Grayle, 13-2 Spigot Shaft.

1986: BLIND BURN 9-11-2 A Brown (7-1) M H Easterby 21 ran

2.30 DARLINGTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £617: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	0/0-0100	BOUNTY'S CLOWN 18 (G) (R Shiels) P Shiels 7-11-13	Mr R Shiels (7)	99
2	P0	ALPHASRETICAL ORDER 20 (Miss K Thompson) Miss K Thompson 5-11-7	G Hanlon	—
4	420000	CHANGED PERSON 137 (J Wade) J Wade 6-11-7	B Storey	85
7	334200	*HELL BEAGLE 24 (N Brown) J Smith 7-11-7*	*P A Farrell (4)*	94
9		INAFIX (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-7	K Jones	—
10	P0-	JASITOMCAT 329 (E Heseltine) E Heseltine 5-11-7	*Mr S Swiers (7)*	—
11	0/00P0-	JUST PAUL 367 (Mrs P Thornton) C J Bell 7-11-7	M Meagher	—
12	1D43F0	PRINCE METTERNICH 32 (S) (R England) C J Bell 5-11-7	R Lamb	—
13	0/00200	COBBY CASTLE 13 (J Raine) J Johnson 6-11-2	R Morley (7)	95
14	00	CZAROSA 106 (P Liddle) P Liddle 5-11-2	J R Quinn (7)	—
16	020243	LINGHAM BRIDE 20 (F) (J Swiers) J Swiers 5-11-2	C Dennis (7)	97
17	00	SHEREEN DANCER 36 (A Knowles) A Knowles 5-11-2	R Hatfield	—
18	0-00000	*WHITEGATES LADY 24 (R Bowden) R Gray 9-11-2*	*D Condell*	—
19	0040	COUTURE COLOR 29 (Couture Marketing Ltd) J Mackie 4-10-12	M Bosley (4)	88
20	400	SNOOKER TABLE 80 *(C Bell) C J Bell 4-10-12*	R Fahey (7)	—
22	0000	HARSLEY SUPRISE 21 (J Barr) Mrs J Barr 4-10-7	Mr C N Smith (7)	—

BETTING: 7-2 Cobby Castle, 4-1 Bounty's Clown, 9-2 Lingham Bride, 5-1 Snooker Table.

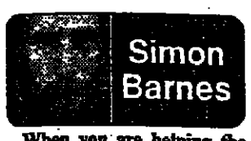
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Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
G Moore	7	29	24.1
J Haldane	7	33	21.2
Ronald Thompson	9	45	17.8
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	52	17.3
Mrs G Reveley	10	64	15.6

| JOCKEYS

Obstacle courses for young horses at Pitman's school



Simon Barnes

When you are helping the police with their enquiries, the first policeman will be horrid and threatening. Then comes the second policeman. He will be nice, as gentle as any sucking dove. It is called the hard-man-soft-man technique. Jenny Pitman, racehorse trainer, needs no assistant: she performs both roles to perfection all by herself.

Her bawlings-out of jockeys are the stuff of legend ("and such language!"); John Francome suspects that Lambourn early mornings are a competition among trainers for the loudest trumpeting of rebuke, "but since Jenny Pitman started training, they have only been competing for second place. On a still morning you can hear when something has gone wrong with one of her horses from over a mile away."

"I know that people see me as tough," she said. "Perhaps I've had to be, to survive." To respond to a collapsed marriage by making a go of being a public trainer is not to be done without a certain pugnacity. And racing is not renowned for its equal opportunities policy. "I've had knocks, and if I've not learnt from them, I'm a bit of a fool. I don't give trust or praise easily or at first meeting. I think people must earn it. They think I'm tough, but I am fair in whatever I do. In racing and in life."

The speech is delivered with determinedly north-of-the-Trent vowels. "I'm always the same. Just because I've won the Grand National and the Cheltenham Gold Cup, I'm not about to start being somebody else. I don't pretend. I'm not clever enough to be anybody except me." Indeed, being Jenny Pitman would take up all the time of at least two less-determined people. The hard-man technique cannot fail to impress.

But you do not have to be Sherlock Holmes to penetrate the disguise. The soft-man technique is always waiting to upstage the abrasive one. "The best part of training is the young horses. We buy them ourselves, and it's nice to start them. They're like kids going to school, they get spotty and have colds and dirty noses. You start them from nothing, and pop them over their first little obstacle. We do lots and lots of work with young horses. It's lovely when one starts to do particularly well, and you can start to look forward to their career. I always start to call the good ones champ. Everyone always takes the mick then, they hate it when I fall in love with one.



Lady and 'the champ': Jenny Pitman and prize pupil Stearsby (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

"I love and care for them all. It's nice to work with something you have so much affection for. I feel like a teacher at a junior school, with 60 kids out there to look after."

But National Hunt racing is one of the cruellest as well as one of the most glorious of games. Being a trainer, in the intense style of Mrs Pitman, involves sending the loved ones out into a field full of risk and danger. Corbiere, her National winner, has been with her since he was three, and is now 12: "I love him dearly. When he races, I am saying: God, please let him come back safe. There is a conflict with yourself when they run. But it is what they are bred for.

"I tell the owners that if the horse comes back in one piece, that is the first success, if it runs well, if it wins, that's a bonus. My rule is that I must be patient with young horses and not too greedy, and I teach it to the owners. I will not put a horse into a race, or a class, when he is not ready for it. That way he would get upset and stressed. The horse would worry. It is important not to outclass a horse. Your kid may be good in the village school, but he will find it hard when he moves up. Horses are the same."

It will be apparent that Mrs Pitman is singled out by her exceptional understanding of each of her horses, as well as by her exceptional calmness on the gallops. The first secret of any form of horse training is to know exactly what the horse is capable of. The second is to bring the ability out.

Her star at Cheltenham, now that Burrough Hill Lad can't make it, is a young thruster called Stearsby in the Gold Cup on Thursday. "He's got youth on his side, and lots of courage and strength." He suffered a knock in training yesterday but Mrs Pitman remains, as ever, optimistic. Others in her Cheltenham band which "wouldn't be without a chance" are The A Train, Red Rocky and Croix de Guerre.

"They get five-star hotel treatment. Any horse that falls goes into a box for infra-red heat treatment, whether he seems to need it or not. And if they need gold dust to win, they get gold dust. Whatever they need, it doesn't matter. As I say to the owners, if you put a bucket of slack on to the fire, you get a lot of smoke. If you put on the best quality coal, you get heat and fire." No one has ever accused Mrs Pitman of being lukewarm.

REAL TENNIS

Eliminator for world title evenly poised

By William Stephens

The World Championship final eliminator, sponsored by George Wimpey, is evenly poised after the first two legs at Queen's Club. Wayne Davies and Lachlan Deuchar have each won four sets, and contest the final leg over the best of five sets today. The score is (Davies first): 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6.

Deuchar gained the initiative on the first day by playing with assured control and fine touch. He showed better positioning than Davies, and masked the direction of his volleyed returns of serve.

The balance changed when Deuchar had four game points to go 3-1 up in the second set, and double-faulted to lose the game. Davies clawed his way back as Deuchar misjudged Davies's consistent boasted forces to the dedans.

On the second day it was Davies's turn to start on the attack, while Deuchar lacked consistent accuracy. Davies confidently exercised tight control; Deuchar intermittently recovered precision then lapsed into error. But he found the discipline to tighten his game and level the score.

SKIING

Cambridge appear favourites

The Oxford and Cambridge University races are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday this week in Aviemore. The event started in the 1920s after a bet between two groups of skiers from the rival universities: the teams have since met 63 times and raced annually except during the Second World War.

Oxford are hoping to repeat their success last year when they broke a run of seven Cambridge victories. They are led by Jean de Puartales who was a British junior international until a car accident two years ago in which he lost an arm. Despite his handicap, the chances are that he will be the fastest skier over the giant and two special slaloms that make up the races.

The Cambridge men's team, led by James Saunders, will be trying to forget last year's disastrous performance when three skiers fell. This year the Light Blues have looked more steady and it could be Oxford's turn to be pressured.

The Cambridge women's team, too, would appear to have an advantage. Led by Emma Disley, they have proved overwhelmingly faster than Oxford in practice.

CRICKET

The extent of West Indies' decline is not yet clear

From Richard Streeton, Christchurch, New Zealand

West Indies' lack-lustre performance in the third Test match here last weekend should have little bearing on the four-match, one-day series which starts tomorrow in Dunedin. Viv Richards and his team admittedly were erratic in recent limited-overs cricket in Australia, but they still remain firm favourites to beat New Zealand in this form of the game.

It means, therefore, that the extent to which West Indies have waned as a force in world cricket will probably only become clear later this year in India. The answers will be provided first by the World Cup on the sub-continent in October and then by the full Test tour West Indies undertake there afterwards.

The last transitional period West Indies had to face came when the Kanhai-Sobers era ended in the early 1970s. In similar fashion, too, the rebuilding necessary then was deferred a shade too long, just as it has been now. West Indian selectors seldom have wholesale clearouts but changes seem inevitable in several areas.

Broadly speaking, West Indian cricket is better equipped with potentially good bowlers than it is with promising batsmen. The Shell Shield programme getting under way in the Caribbean islands this week is once again expected to stress this point.

The successors to Holding and Garner will certainly be there, ready fairly soon to join Walsh and Gray in the Test team. Several of the newcomers, ironically, will have honed their skills at various levels in English cricket. These embryo Test bowlers, coupled with poor pitches, give batsmen a hard time and keep scoring low. Because of this, there are few candidates knocking on the door to replace the established Test batsmen.

Greenidge and Haynes, of course, remain secure as the opening pair; Richards, too, will hold his place for a while yet, though his Test match contributions are becoming more and more infrequent.

Among the others from whom runs are expected, Richardson, Gomes, Logie and Dujon have all been inconsistent in recent months. It has meant too many failures or half-failures for any team to carry.

Whether West Indies would be helped more by a different captain is hard to say. Richards's long-term successor is generally thought likely to be either Dujon or Harper, if he can regain his Test place. Richards is captain because of his supreme ability and seniority; and he would almost certainly retire if it was taken away from him.

On the other hand, neither tactically nor in motivating his players does captaincy come easily to Richards. He is not the first great batsman to find the job's complexities difficult to master. Richards was asked about retirement this week. He said he intended "to hang in there" and in a phrase redolent of an Old Testament prophet added: "I never announced my coming and I am not going to announce my going."

New Zealand also face rebuilding in the next year or two. Jeremy Coney follows Geoff Howarth, Cairns and Edgar into retirement next week and Chatfield, Hadlee, Boock, Wright and Smith are all aged between 30 and 36. Eight successive series in their own country without losing a rubber is a proud sequence for New Zealand which this time next year England will be trying to end.

There is, however, a wide disparity between New Zealand's Test players and the rest of their first-class cricketers and, like West Indies, a golden era for them could be finishing. Jeff Crowe succeeds Coney as captain for the tour to Sri Lanka in April and May. He has three uncapped newcomers in the side: Danny Morrison, a burly medium-fast bowler; Andy Jones, a middle-order batsman; and Ervin McSweeney, the wicketkeeper, who took a hundred off West Indies in the three-day game at Napier.

McSweeney plays tomorrow in the 50-overs game in Dunedin because Smith has an injured finger. In 10 one-day matches between the sides, New Zealand have only beaten West Indies once, seven years ago.

NEW ZEALAND: (from) *J V Coney, S L Boock, J G Bracewell, E J Chatfield, J J Crowe, M D Crowe, R J Hadlee, P A Horne, M C Snedden, E B McSweeney, D N Patel and J G Wright.*
WEST INDIES: (from) *I V A Richards, M D Marshall, C G Greenidge, P J L Dujon, J Garner, H A Gomes, D L Haynes, A L Logie, R B Richardson, C A Walsh, A H Gray and B P Patterson.*

India rely on Gavaskar

From Qamar Ahmed, Bangalore

India resume the fourth day's play today at 99 for four, chasing a target of 221 to win the fifth and final Test against Pakistan. They are still 122 runs in arrears with Gavaskar and Azharuddin at the wicket.

Gavaskar's skill and determination have so far saved India the humiliation of being beaten within three days. He batted with concentration and technique after India had lost the wickets of Srikkanth and Amarnath to successive deliveries from Wasim with only 15 runs scored. The veteran of 125 Test matches kept his head as two more wickets fell in the dying hours of the day.

The game is evenly poised but the pressure is on the home side, who are batting last on a treacherous pitch. Though Gavaskar has not announced his retirement from Test cricket, many people here believe that he may be playing his last innings, and if he is then he will make sure to leave on a high note.

With his unbeaten 51, Gavaskar became only the second batsman in Test history, after Clive Lloyd, to score over 2,000 runs against three countries.

SCORES: Pakistan: First Innings 116 (Manander Singh 7 for 27) and 245; India: First Innings 145 (D B Vengsarkar 50; Iqbal Qasim 5 for 48, Tauseef Ahmed 5 for 54) and 89 for 4 (S M Gavaskar 51 not out).

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

New Zealand batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
M D Crowe	3	6	1	328	119	65.60	2	1	6
J G Bracewell	3	5	2	163	66	40.75	–	1	–
J G Wright	3	6	0	239	138	39.83	1	1	1
R J Hadlee	3	4	2	74	35*	37.00	–	–	2
J J Crowe	3	6	1	143	55	28.60	–	1	3
I D S Smith	3	4	1	57	40*	19.00	–	–	6
J V Coney	3	6	0	77	36	12.83	–	–	5
D N Patel	3	5	0	73	21	12.16	–	–	–
K R Rutherford	2	4	0	29	12	7.25	–	–	2
E J Chatfield	3	4	2	5	4	2.50	–	–	–
S L Boock	2	3	0	7	4	2.33	–	–	1

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: M C Snedden 7 (1ct); P A Horne 9, 0 (1ct).

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10M
M C Snedden	24.3	3	82	5	16.40	5-68	1	–
R J Hadlee	113.1	20	354	17	20.82	6-50	2	–
S L Boock	67	24	190	7	25.71	3-76	–	–
E J Chatfield	114.3	39	282	10	28.20	4-30	–	–

ALSO BOWLED: J G Bracewell 45-8-147-1; J V Coney 14-2-30-0; M D Crowe 14-2-35-1; D N Patel 9-0-51-0.

West Indies batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
C G Greenidge	3	6	1	344	213	68.80	1	1	1
P J L Dujon	3	4	0	144	77	36.00	–	1	9
R B Richardson	3	5	1	134	41	33.50	–	–	5
D L Haynes	3	6	1	160	121	32.00	1	–	1
C A Walsh	3	3	2	23	14	23.00	–	–	–
M D Marshall	3	4	0	83	45	20.75	–	–	–
I V A Richards	3	4	0	77	38	19.25	–	–	5
H A Gomes	3	5	1	72	33	18.00	–	–	1
A L Logie	3	4	0	62	34	15.50	–	–	8
A H Gray	2	3	1	21	10*	10.50	–	–	4

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: M A Holding 0 (1ct); C G Butts 8*.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10M
J Garner	77	16	205	12	17.08	5-51	1	–
A H Gray	49	10	150	6	18.75	3-45	–	–
C A Walsh	120.2	28	306	13	23.53	5-73	1	–
M D Marshall	119	21	289	9	32.11	4-43	–	–

ALSO BOWLED: C G Butts 38-10-82-2; H A Gomes 30-8-83-2; M A Holding 37-8-99-0; I V A Richards 67-19-147-2; R B Richardson 4-1-4-0.

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood

GOLF: POOLEY HAS INSURANCE COMPANIES STYMIED AT A STROKE

McKenna aiming for record

By Patricia Davies

Given that the Avia Foursomes championship at the Berkshire Club starts on St Patrick's Day this year, it is fitting that the favourites are the Irish Curtis Cup pairing of Mary McKenna and Claire Hourihane.

They have never played together in this event before but Miss McKenna is defending the title she won last year with Belle Robertson, now retired from serious tournament play. Miss Hourihane is in form, having won the Spanish match-play championship just over a week ago when Miss McKenna reached the quarter-finals.

She is also quick to point out that in colder, more Avia-like conditions she won the handicap prize at the Roehampton Gold Cup on Friday, masquerading off a handicap of two.

Having won the tournament twice with Mrs Robertson and once with Tegwen Perkins, Miss McKenna says she is now aiming for Linda Bayman's record of winning with the greatest number of partners.

Mrs Bayman has won the championship six times with four different partners and this year the former English champion is playing with the international selector, Bridget Jackson, who won the title with Vivien Saunders 20 years ago.

Another pairing to look out for is the Welsh combination of Vicki Thomas, another Curtis Cup player, and her sister, Mandy Rawlings. They were unbeaten as a pairing in the home internationals last year.

Stewart wins duel to lift title

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

Don Pooley's $1 million hole in one at the 17th not only added that substantial sum to the $600,000 purse in Arnold Palmer's Hertz Bay Hill Classic, it probably produced a few chuckles in the city of London.

For it was Lloyd's of London who first took on the insurance three years ago against any professional scoring an "ace" at the 192-yard hole. Later, a Wall Street firm accepted the premium and this year it is understood that the insurance was carried by a company in Dallas, Texas, although a Hertz vice-president, Joe Russo was cagey over the exact details.

"We had some trouble this time over reducing the yardage on the hole and we might have some difficulty finding a firm to insure us again next year," he said.

It was smiles all round, of course. Pooley, a 35-year-old professional who was born in Phoenix, Arizona and now lives in nearby Tucson, virtually equalled his career winnings with one stroke.

He will receive payments of $2,083.33 a month for the next 20 years starting next month. "I'm building a home in Tucson," explained Pooley. "And now I know that the mortgage payments are secure for the next 20 years".

Payne Stewart walked off the last green at Bay Hill emotionally and physically drained having won the title by three strokes.

He and the gallant and determined Frost had battled for two rounds in a remorseless manner reminiscent of the duel between Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus in the Open at Turnberry in 1977. There were not the same stakes involved, of course, but Stewart's victory marked an important point in his career.

He had begun to gain the unenviable reputation of being a great striker who was not able to win. He had had eight second place finishes since he last won, in the Disney Classic in 1983, in addition to finishing the runner-up to Sandy Lyle at Royal St George's in 1985.

FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 284: P Stewart, 69, 67, 83, 65, 265: D Frost (SA), 67, 68, 65, 67, 275: D Pohl, 70, 70, 68, 70, 278: L Mize, 69, 69, 72, 68, 277: B Crenshaw, 75, 67, 71, 64, 278: B Langer (WG), 69, 70, 69, 70, 278: T Nakajima (Jpn), 70, 70, 68, 70. British scores: 284: K Brown, 73, 69, 70, 72, 285: S Lyle, 71, 71, 69, 74, 295: P Parkin, 71, 75, 74, 75.

● Isao Aoki, of Japan, won a flat and furnishings worth £55,000 when he holed in one at the World Matchplay Championships at Wentworth in 1979.

Champion is dropped

Jonathan Langmead, who won the English Amateur golf championship last August at Hillside at the age of 18, has been left out of the England team to take on Spain in a two-day international at Fulford, near York, on May 10 and 11.

The omission of Langmead, from Newton Abbot, is the first time that a reigning champion has been left out of the international side by the selectors. Langmead and Richard Muscroft, who made his senior debut last year, are the non-travelling reserves for the match against Spain.

The side is spearheaded by the British amateur champion, David Curry, and Bobby Eggo — both of whom are in the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team to play the United States at Sunningdale on May 27 and 28

ENGLAND: P Broadhurst (Atherstone), D Curry (Prudhoe), B Eggo (L'Ancresse), S Hamer (North Manchester), P McEvoy (Copt Heath), S Richardson (Lee-on-Solent), A Robertson (Seaton Carew), J Robinson (Woodhall Spa), R Roper (Cotterick Garrison). Non-travelling reserves: J Langmead (Newton Abbot), R Muscroft (Roundhay Park). Non-playing captain: G Godwin (Thorndon Park).

Gallacher opts out of Sunningdale

Bernard Gallacher, the Wentworth professional, will not be supporting his neighbour's spring golf festival next week.

For the first time in 11 years the Scottish Ryder Cup player will miss the Sunningdale foursomes starting next Tuesday. His usual partner, the England amateur international Pat Garner, is not available because of business commitments so the pairing that finished runners-up in 1985 has had to be broken. Gallacher has decided to start his 1987 European tour campaign at the Moroccan Open this week and will not seek a late replacement for Garner.

However, Ryder Cup candidates Ronan Rafferty and Roger Chapman are back to defend their Sunningdale title and will meet the Blackburn professional Gerry Bond and his assistant Chris Baron over the Old Course on Tuesday, the anglo-Irish tour combination having received a bye into the second round.

Dead-heat decision disputed

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Controversy raged after the Mens' Open at the Grove and Rufford on Saturday when the judge awarded a dead-heat between Edenspring (Joey Newton) and Jupiter's Baby (Ashley Bealby). Most racegoers were of the opinion that the favourite, Edenspring, had just held off the late challenge of his rival.

No such difficulties were posed in the Nitrace Ladies' Open in which Sweet Diana had another facile pillar-to-post victory under Jill Grinyer.

Spectators at the Oakley were treated to a thrilling RMC Ladies' Open race when Brigadier Hathi and Sheena Lamont repeated the front-running tactics successfully employed in beating Red Shah at the Army.

This time the threat came from Jenny Pidgeon on Random Leg who threw down a challenge from two out. However, Miss Lamont had kept something in reserve and Brigadier Hathi forged clear from the last to win by three lengths.

Miss Pidgeon had earlier enjoyed better fortune in the Audi Adjacent, coming with a strong late run on Scotch On The Rock to lead near the line.

The highlight of a 10-race meeting at the Brecon was a treble for Mark Price. He took the Adjacent on Quick Flash in a driving finish, with only a length separating the first four, and followed up with two easier successes on Bachelor Lad and Party Spirit, respective winners of the first divisions of the Restricted Open and the Maiden.

Tim Rooney needed all his skill to stay aboard the error-prone Suikerboss who, in the first division of the Open, gave him his 100th winner. Fixed Price, who landed the odds in division two, was winning at this meeting for the fourth successive year.

Title-chasing David Naylor-Leyland went to Charing for the Mid Surrey and had mixed fortune, winning the Men's Open on Tough And Rugged — foiling a gamble on Unscrupulous Judge in the process — but being once again unseated on Crayke when looking unassailable.

His main rival, Mike Felton, drew level on seven winners with a double at the Silverton. He scored on Sutton Prince in the Open and Moorcroft in the Restricted, in both cases not gaining the upper hand until after the last.

Fastest winner at the Avon Vale was Scottish Sound, ridden by Kate Dare who, despite a weight difference of 12lb, held off Hazelwain in an exciting finish.

Moore and Hammond in form for Festival

George Moore, the Middleham trainer, who has several fancied runners at the Cheltenham Festival, showed that his stable is in fine form for National Hunt racing's premier meeting by saddling Meritmoore for an effortless success in the first division of the Slaphouse Novices' Hurdle at Ayr yesterday.

Michael Hammond rode a confident race on the winner and, after tracking King Harry for much of the trip, swept clear between the last two hurdles to beat the 100-1 chance, Flying Flynn, by four lengths.

Moore said: "I will have three runners at Cheltenham — Alkepa will represent me in the Sun Alliance Chase on Wednesday and I will have two runners on Thursday, Dhoni in the Triumph Hurdle and Cool Strike in the County Hurdle."

Hammond, who rides all three of Moore's Cheltenham raiders, will also partner the Scottish Grand National winner, Hardy Lad, in the Ritz Club Handicap Chase on Thursday.

After saddling Handy Trick to win the Hollybush Novices' Chase, his trainer, Arthur Stephenson, reiterated that The Thinker will only run in Thursday's Gold Cup if the going is soft.

Handy Trick, whose dam is a half-sister to Pillager and Gylippus, led three out on in the hands of Ridley Lamb and battled on well to beat Telegraph Bush by five lengths.

Brian McMahon, whose Cashew King is now second favourite for Thursday's Triumph Hurdle, saddled Tyrannise to win the Kersal Selling Hurdle at Southwell, her third success in plating company at the track this season.

Trevor Wall, who will ride Cashew King at Cheltenham, brought Tyrannise to catch Rockall in the last 100 yards and the partnership then held the latter's renewed challenge.

"Cashew King is very well and he'll run a cracker on Thursday," McMahon said. "But he'll need luck as well as ability in a race like the Triumph."

● Following Stearsby's slight injury, Hills are offering Jenny Pitman's charge at 8-1 (with a run) for Thursday's Gold Cup. Ladbrokes have eased Stearsby's price out to 9-1 while Corals offer 10-1. All three firms have Forgive'N Forget as their even-money favourite.

● Mark Dwyer has been backed from 8-1 to 4-1 with Corals to be top jockey at the Cheltenham Festival. He is now joint second favourite with Peter Scudamore behind the 7-2 favourite, Steve Smith Eccles.

Kinane should make flying start to Flat

Michael Kinane, after enjoying his best winter's riding in India, can make a flying start to his defence of the Irish jockeys' championship today by riding two winners at Leopardstown where, according to tradition, the season gets under way on St Patrick's Day (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

It is significant that Dermot Weld has withdrawn the well-galloped Majestic Lass from the Castrol Two-Year-Old Maiden so that Kinane can ride Welsh Band.

Kinane and Weld will be reunited through Best Solution, hopefully an aptly-named selection for the Burmah-Castrol Trophy, a seven-furlong race for three-year-old colts and geldings. Best Solution not only won first time out but on his other start finished fifth to the smart English juvenile Lockton in the group one Guinness Peat Aviation National Stakes.

The Warmlife Race, the fillies' equivalent, looks tailor-made for the American-owned and bred Heavens Nook. Like Best Solution, she ran only twice in her first season but had the reputation of being among the best of Jim Bolger's juveniles and lived up to that billing with a four-length win from Risky Game at the Curragh in September.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Ayr

Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, **MERITMOORE** (M Hammond, 4-7 fav; Michael Seely rep); 2, Flying Flynn (P Goswell, 100-1); 3, Oakgrove (D Nolan, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Balnerino, Marlefield, 12 King Harry, Next Dance (6th), 16 Moulkins (4th), 25 The Fixer, 33 Dorade (5th). 10 ran. 4l, 2l, 3l, 3l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £1.50; 2l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £15.20, £13.90. DF: £55.80. CSF: £45.04.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, **HANDY TRICK** (R Lamb, 11-10 fav); 2, Telegraph Bush (Mr K Anderson, 10-1); 3, Dizzy Dora (J O'Gorman, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Bit Of Order (f), 11-2 Carrington Deal (4th), 14 Offstoc (pu), 6 ran, 5l, 30l, 25l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.20. DF: £4.20. CSF: £10.29.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, **PAT'S JESTER** (N Doughty, 11-10 fav); 2, Crack-A-Jim (J O'Gorman, 7-1); 3, Paddy Hayton (J Hansen, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Wave Goodbye, 13-2 French Design, 7 Cresh Market, 16 Longford Pass, 33 Wayside Inn (4th), Wrekin Melody (5th); All A Dream (6th), 10 ran. NR: Bellanoora, Miss Lakeland. 2l, 6l, 2½l, 3l, 15l. R Allan at St Boswells. Tote: £2.00; £1.10; £1.70, £3.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £9.81. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **GRIDDY'S PET** (M Hammond, 3-1 fav); 2, Harley (C Dennis, 11-2); 3, Acercate (K Cotter, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Illuminator (f), 7 Secret Finale (4th), Magwood (pu), Oceanus (5th), 14 Ransabillon (pu), 16 Light Traveller, 25 New Kingsgrove (6th), 10 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 9l, 20l. N G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £5.20 CSF: £18.85. Tricast: £74.84.

4.0 (3m 110yd ch) 1, **WHISTLING THORN** (Mr K Anderson, 7-4 fav); 2, Lilies Bing (Mr D Mulgrew, 10-1); 3, Nijanna (Mr P Craggs, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Water Wagtail (4th), 5 Bless 'em All (pu), 12 Blew's Her (pu), 16 Secret Brae (pu), 50 Gunsmith (f). 8 ran. 3l, 20l, dist. Miss A Vaughan at Lockerbie. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £1.50. £2.40. DF: £8.40. CSF: £17.26

4.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, **BLACKFEET** (T G Dun, 2-1); 2, Peters Laddie (M Meagher, 7-4 fav); 3, Wardsoft (J Hansan, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Snooker Prince (4th), 4 ran. NR: Royal Jet, J-J-Henry. 5l, 20l, dist. J S Wilson at Crae Lodge. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.10. CSF: £5.42.

5.0 (2m flat) 1, **COME-N-JONUS** (K Comer, 9-2); 2, Threepland (J O'Gorman, 7-2); 3, Red Ruddel (Mr P Johnson, 11-8 fav). ALSO: 5 Madjdec (4th), 7 Hi Wallkia, 12 Indian Storm (pu), Wizard Of Was (5th), 33 Fell Mist, Deep Desire (ro), 100 Chilli Sauce, Reskia, Boy Painter (6th). 12 ran. NR: Lothian Admiral, Arctic Rymes. 3l, 3l, 1½l, 12l, 1½l. Tote: £5.70; £2.10, £1.70. £1.20. DF: £19.50. CSF: £22.48. Placepot: £12.90

Southwell

Going: soft (chase course); good (hurdles)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, **KADELIAN** (D J Burchell, 4-1); 2, Celtic Bard (R Crank, 11-8 fav); 3, Beatrisha (R Strange, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Lawley (4th), Dorimay, 16 Vulnerable, 20 Galloping Claude, 25 Bell Dip (6th), Palmerston Boy, 33 King Sear, Turdon (5th), 50 Bow Handy Man, Finbarr, Seal Court. 14 ran. NR: Ngani Hunter, Rickleston Lad. 1½l, 8l, 5l, 2l, dd. D Burchell at Stoke-on-Trent. Tote: £6.60; £1.90, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £9.90. CSF: £9.66.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, **TYRANNISE** (T Weil, 15-8 fav); 2, Rockall (G Moore, 10-1); 3, Tostapal (K Burke, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Barracuda Bay, 12 Rendsley Princess (5th), City Link Courier, 14 Bazaleys Park (4th), Little Token, 16 Charidonnay (pu), Jubilee Jamboree, 20 Tautast (pu), 25 Sussex Overseas (6th), Touch Lucky, Warrior Uncle (pu), 33 Sonny Hill Lad. 15 ran. NR: St Nick, Solent Breeze. Sh hd, 15l, 2l, sh hd, nk. B McMahon at Tarporley. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £3.10, £1.60. DF: £15.20. CSF: £25.16.

3.15 (3m 110yd ch) 1, **SHREWD OPERATOR** (Mr T Thomson Jones, 8-13 fav); 2, Shacklin Brig (Mr B Crawford, 14-1); 3, Heahould (Mr R Bellamy, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 How I Wonder (pu), 7 Needwood Nomad (pu), 33 Alabama (4th). 6 ran. 15l, 6l, Sl. T Casey at Adstone. Tote: £1.40; £1.40; £4.80. DF: £6.80. CSF: £9.08.

3.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **MILITARY BAND** (H Davies, 14-1); 2, Man O'Magic (P Croucher, 6-1); 3, Knight's Heir (M Sowby, 20-1); 4, Good Afternoon (J Duggan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav The Capo Famgila (pu), 11-2 Sandmoor Court, 6 Brown Rifle, 15-2 Shady Legacy (pu), 10 Cruden Bay (5th), 16 Arborma Deal (5th), Dhenau's Trove, Fortune Finder, 20 Meundy Boy (u), Mount Harvard, 25 Astral Lady, 100 Cyprus Sky (pu). 16 ran. NR: Kem Hill, B J Moon. 1l, 3l, 3l, ¾l, 12l. Miss S Davenport at Leominster. Tote: £21.30; £5.00, £2.10, £2.80, £1.80. DF: £161.00. CSF: £95.78. Tricast: £1575.84.

4.15 (2m 74yd ch) 1, **OULA OWL** (M Richards, 16-1); 2, Bright Sherriff (M Brennan, 5-1); 3, Desert Tar (G Mernagh, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav King Of Stress (4th), 8 Beaverbrackers (5th), 9 Kabooki Bert (pu), Lambswain Hall (6th), Le Marsh (ur), Silver Cannon, 11 Crimson Sol (pu), 25 Elvers Green (f), Decembre. 14 ran. 6l, 7l, 1½l, 10l, 10l. K Ivory at Radlett. Tote: £10.00; £2.60, £1.60, £3.20. DF: £32.90. CSF: £105.94.

4.45 (3m 110yd ch) 1, **YOUNG BLOOD** (R Beggan, 13-2); 2, Sandwalker (Mr M Price, 12-1); 3, Debt Follower (M Brennan, 12-1). 4, Master Slop (G Mernagh, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Joniant (pu), 12 Bronwyn, Hamyak House (pu), Preben Fur (5th), 14 Bee Orchid (6th), Swift Messenger, 20 Ansuro, 25 Trust The King (pu), 33 Inking (pu), De Pavinel (pu), Super Brat (pu), Highland Cardinal (pu). 16 ran. NR: Skegby, Woodlands Lad. 15l, 3l, 7l, 3l, 8l. S Christian at Lambourn. Tote: £9.20; £1.70, £3.60, £1.70. £4.00. DF: £174.60. CSF: £79.34. Tricast: £941.40.

Placepot: £33.85.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

First division
Arsenal v Nottingham For (7.45)

Second division
Sheffield Utd v C Palace
Stoke v Sunderland

Third division
Blackpool v Bolton
Brentford v Bristol C (7.45)
Bury v Carlisle
Doncaster v Bournemouth
Gillingham v Darlington (7.45)
Middlesbrough v Notts Co
Newport v Mansfield
Rotherham v Walsall
Swindon v P Vale
Wigan v Chesterfield

Fourth division
Burnley v Northampton
Cambridge v Aldershot (7.45)
Colchester v Crewe
Halifax v Wolverhampton
Lincoln v Torquay
Orient v Cardiff
Preston v Stockport
Southend v Wrexham (7.45)
Swansea v Peterborough

Scottish FA Cup
Fifth round replay
Motherwell v Hearts (8.0)

Scottish premier division
Dundee v Rangers

Scottish first division
Forfar v Dumbarton
Partick v Clyde

Scottish second division
Meadowbank v Stranraer (8.0)
Raith v Arbroath
St Johnstone v Alloa
Stirling v Queen's Park

SEMI-PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL: England v Wales (at Gloucester).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Irish League XI v League of Ireland XI (at Newry, 3.0).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Blackburn (7.0); Leeds v Hull (7.0); Oldham v Coventry; Sunderland v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0). Second division: York v West Bromwich.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Tottenham; Fulham v Millwall (2.30); Queen's Park Rangers v Crystal Palace (2.0).

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Chorley v Burton; Matlock v Oswestry.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Alvechurch; Redditch v Worcester; Witney v Salisbury. Midland division: Halesowen v Moor Green; Leamington v Rushden; Merthyr Tydfil v Stourbridge. Southern division: Ashford v Poole; Canterbury v Woodford; Chatham v Burnham and Hillingdon; Erith and Belvedere v Tonbridge; Ruislip v Hastings; Trowbridge v Gravesend and Northfleet.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Carshalton; Kingstonian v Slough. First division: Grays v Epsom and Ewell (7.45); Hampton v Kingsbury; Leatherhead v Basildon; Leytonstone Ilford v Leyton Wingate; Oxford City v Walton and Hersham; Staines v Tilbury; Uxbridge v Finchley; Wembley v Southwick. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Wivenhoe (7.45); Clapton v Tring; Hemel Hempstead v Haringey; Letchworth GC v Harlow; Rainham v Collier Row. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter v Marlow; Dorking v Banstead; Flackwell Heath v Camberley; Hungerford v Petersfield; Southall v Newbury; Woking v Eastbourne United.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Ely v Braintree; Gorleston v Bury; Histon v Colchester United; Lowestoft v Felixstowe; Newmarket v Harwich and Parkeston; Soham v Chatteris; Sudbury v Tiptree; Wolton v Haverhill.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: League Cup: Quarter-final: Swanage and Herston v Yeovil (7.45). Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Mangotsfield; Clandown v Chippenham; Exmouth v Clevedon; Paulton v Dawlish; Melksham v Chard.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Loughborough v Kent (at Finchley FC).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Exeter (7.15); Bridgend v Cross Keys (7.15); Richmond v Exeter University (4.30).

BASKETBALL

BRITISH MASTERS: Quarter-final: HFS Portsmouth v SPCC Derby.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull v St Helens.

CAR PLAN AMATEUR UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (at Headingley).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's home international indoor series (at Auchinloch, Scotland).

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RUGBY UNION

Cash incentives open professional door in new Moseley package

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

A sponsorship deal with a Birmingham company, believed to be the first of its kind in English club rugby, was announced yesterday by Moseley. Their agreement with James Upton Ltd, a colour printing firm, is worth over £60,000 during a three-year period and has an interesting clause allowing for "possible incentives for match achievement."

The agreement, in effect, follows the principle long established on the Continent, where clubs are frequently identified with local businesses. It is the result of much hard work on the part of Greville Edwards, Moseley's commercial manager, and possibly the first of a new generation of professional rugby administrators.

The implications are broad. The agreement gives the club the opportunity not only to improve its facilities but also the lot of the first-class player, whose commitment to the game continues to grow, in terms of playing and leisure clothing and a player-of-the-month award. Part of the sponsorship money will also be devoted to developing the youth team, now in their eighth year, so that they get the equipment and the fixtures they require.

The "possible incentives", which sounds precariously like a win bonus, is linked with the club's expected achievements in League or Cup rugby, which would obviously generate greater exposure for club and company. Ian Metcalfe, the Moseley captain, said it was not a case of players being paid.

"None that I know want that," he said. "But it will make them feel appreciated and they recognize that they will have to give something in return by mingling with sponsors and their guests and generally being responsible by their appearance for enhancing the club's image."

Since clubs, increasingly, are becoming responsible for the development of young players, Moseley will find themselves able to offer more to aspirants in the game. This in turn may lead to a requirement for a professional general club manager because it is, I suspect, no more than clubs will need to handle the sums of money coming their way, particularly those clubs who achieve success in the new championship.

On a broader front, Moseley's commercial arrangements point the way to a new professional in an amateur game. Where professional expertise – which has for so long been offered free to a game which has won for itself a huge subsidy of time and goodwill – is needed in running the day-to-day business of rugby clubs, it may also be considered for the playing side.

It is transparently obvious that playing commitments at representative level will increase and, therefore, a full-time manager and coach to the national side cannot be far away.

It is, I am certain, unfair to expect individuals with time-consuming jobs to give so much to a game which constantly demands more of them.

Popular proposal

By David Hands

Four of England's leading clubs have recommended that matches in next season's Courage Championship be played on fixed Saturdays. The proposal by Moseley, Coventry, Bristol and Gloucester at Sunday's meeting of the top 24 merit table clubs at Moseley is to be discussed at individual club level before a further meeting.

Hitherto England's top clubs, among them this quartet, have held out against fixed Saturdays despite the obvious implications that acceptance of a league system means. "We have given clubs 15 Saturdays so they can retain some small flexibility over the arrangement of fixtures," Ken Phillips, chairman of the organizing committee, said.

"Eight of those 15 coincide with the fixed Saturdays the Rugby Football Union (RFU) proposed for the leagues anyway. The clubs have to accommodate 11 league or merit table games (call them what you will), but many are keen to retain long-standing Welsh fixtures and there has been an informal Anglo-Welsh meeting discussing the implications of the new English club championship.

Challenge to Bangor

Methodist College, Belfast, a school steeped in cup tradition that stands proudly at the head of the table having won the Ulster Schools Cup on 24 occasions and shared it once since it was first competed for in 1876, face the onerous task of preventing Bangor Grammar School from achieving a third successive triumph in today's final – a feat last achieved by MCB in the period 1974-76 (George Ace writes).

BANGOR GS: S Doherty; R Sexton, G Elvis, M Ellesmere, N Beckler; S McKenna, J Bennett; J Mawhinney, D Flanagan (capt), C Kerr, I Herring, R Brown, R Wilson, S Crowther, D Cooke

MCB: N Malone; J Nell, I Gallagher (capt), S Gillespie, S McIvor; K McGarry, A Arnott, C Welch, D McCrea, P Spence, G Craig, R McBrair, M Sloan, J McQuoid, J Dean.

Referee: Mr P D Hewitt (Instonians).



In the drink: Oxford's Boat Race crew get down to some practice on the Thames yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

ROWING

Busy days ahead for Boat Race crews

By Jim Railton

Oxford and Cambridge were all present and correct on the Tideway yesterday preparing for the Boat Race a week on Saturday. That is an achievement alone this year. Oxford were out twice and Cambridge opted for one outing late afternoon on a cold day.

After sickness in the Cambridge camp and a mutiny at Oxford, both crews are left with much to do in the final fortnight. There will not be a shortage of pacing crews either, with the Head of the River race on the same day as the Boat Race and Oxford and Cambridge in dire need of side-by-side racing by top crews before Boat Race day.

It will be a busy rowing fortnight too with the women's Boat Race at Henley next Sunday together with a supporting cast of the men's and women's lightweight boat races.

Theoretically, there can not be a Boat Race until there is a challenge. Donald Macdonald, Oxford's president, is scheduled to issue the challenge this morning at London Rowing Club. Last year's losing crew have the obligation of making the challenge. The challenge will hopefully be accepted by the Cambridge president Stephen Peel, the British international. After traumas in both camps there is absolutely no form guide at present. Oxford and Cambridge have much to prove. Cambridge will go in at the deep end when they challenge the national eight, who will have three Olympic gold medal winners on board, on Saturday.

OXFORD: H M Pelham (St Edward's and Christ Church) bow, P Glah (Dartmouth US and Oxon), R Heil (Wymondham Robinson, Cambridge and Oxon), *D H M Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield), T A D Cadoux-Hudson (St Mary's Hospital and New College), G B Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham), A D Ward (King's Chester and Oxon), P F Gleeson (St Marin's, Brentwood and Hertford) stroke, A D Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol) cox.

CAMBRIDGE: *I R Clarke (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam) bow, R A B Spink (Sherborne and Downing), N J Grandy (St Edward's and Jesus), *J S Pew (Stamford University, US, and Trinity), J R Gardner (Shrewsbury and LMBC), *P B Broughton (Southampton University and Magdalene), *S M Peel (King's and Downing), M J Britlin (Hampton and Robinson) stroke, J M Wolfson (Eton and Pembroke) cox.

* A Blue.

● Today's outings: Oxford, 9 and 2; Cambridge 10 and 4.30 (at Putney).

FOOTBALL

Woodcock goal foils the leaders

By Simon O'Hagan

Bayern Munich, the West German League leaders who are also destined for a place in the European Cup semi-finals, had to settle for a 1-1 draw when they met Cologne at the weekend as a result of a goal by the former England forward, Tony Woodcock.

Woodcock put Cologne ahead in the 39th minute before Augenthaler equalized for Bayern 22 minutes from the end. Bayern remain a point clear of Hamburg at the top of the table, with Bayer Leverkusen another point behind them.

The West German managerial scene has been in a state of growing turmoil, culminating over the weekend with the announcement that the Bayern manager, Udo Lattek, is to take over as technical director of Cologne next season. Lattek's successor will be Jupp Heynckes, the manager of Borussia Mönchengladbach, who yesterday announced that their new manager will be Heynckes's assistant, Wolf Werner.

While Bayern can expect to stroll through the second leg of their European Cup quarter-final at out-of-form Anderlecht tomorrow night – they lead 5-0 from the first leg – Real Madrid's chances against Red Star Belgrade are in the balance having lost the first leg in Yugoslavia 4-2.

With Valdano suffering from hepatitis and Butragueño still injured, Real will expect much of Sanchez.

Chance to impress League scouts

By Paul Newman

When England meet Wales in tonight's semi-professional international at Gloucester City's Meadow Park ground there will be more than national pride at stake. For many of the players it will be the perfect opportunity to convince the large number of scouts and managers certain to be in the crowd that they could play successfully in the Football League.

Since England established the present semi-professional international system in 1979, more than 20 of the 69 players who have represented their country have gone on to enjoy professional careers. They include three current first division players, West Ham United's Mark Ward (formerly of Northwich Victoria), Leicester City's Alan Smith (Alvechurch) and Coventry City's Trevor Peake (Nuneaton Borough).

There has always been a steady flow of players into the League from the semi-professional game, but in recent years their numbers have increased sharply. The most spectacular example this season has been at Northampton Town, the runaway fourth division leaders. When Graham Carr, their manager, rebuilt his side last summer at a total cost of just £50,000, six of his signings were from non-League football.

Kevin Verity, the manager of the England semi-professional team, said: "The gap with the Football League is definitely narrowing. Standards perhaps levelled off a couple of years ago, but the carrot of promotion to the fourth division for the GM Vauxhall Conference champions has brought a marked improvement."

One of the main reasons why professional clubs are increasingly scouring the non-League market is that financial problems have forced them to scrap or cut back reserve and youth teams. The role of developing young talent has consequently been assumed more and more by non-League clubs.

The player likely to attract most attention tonight is the England forward, Kim Casey, who has scored more than 100 goals in the last two seasons. He will be joined in attack by his Kidderminster Harriers colleague, Paul Davies, and Runcorn's Mark Carter, who scored three goals in a 5-1 victory over Shrewsbury Town in a practice match yesterday.

ENGLAND: A Pape (Enfield), P Skirrett (Frickley), N Thompson (Scarborough), C Brazier (Kidderminster), D Howell (Enfield), A Joseph (Telford), T Jones (Weymouth), J Margerrison (Barnet), M Carter (Runcorn), K Casey (Kidderminster), P Davies (Kidderminster). Substitutes: S Humphries (Barnet), P Cuddy (Altrincham), N Ashford (Wycombe), G Abbott (Welling).

WALES: G Wager (Merthyr Tydfil), D Redwood (Barry), P Jones (Merthyr Tydfil), B Jones (Colwyn Bay), P Evans (Merthyr Tydfil), S Crompton (Bangor), K Williams (Aberystwyth), K Rogers (Merthyr Tydfil), T Morgan (Aberystwyth), P Green (Ton Pentre), D Wratten (Merthyr Tydfil). Substitutes: T Ball (Bangor), P Fisher (Barry), C Dale (Bangor), A Beattie (Merthyr Tydfil), N Powell (Bangor).

FA Youth too strong for Schools

By George Chesterton

Despite some tenacious defence by an Independent Schools XI, the FA Youth XI demonstrated their superior skill with a 4-1 victory at Bisham Abbey yesterday. The first early goal conceded by Schools was unlucky. Lillis heading onto the crossbar and Wignall left with a simple tap-in from the rebound.

For the rest of the first half the FA XI dominated play with quick, sure passing, especially from Cundy and Morris. Good positional play and finishing gave them two more goals, both scored by Slater, the first when he lobbed the goalkeeper and the second when he turned eight yards out and shot home.

After half-time, although the Schools gave away an early goal when Sherwood shot just under the bar, they collected themselves. Duckegg secured a lot more of the play in midfield and McNamara and Willetts at the front were sharp and skilful. With 20 minutes to go, Willetts scored for Schools.

FA YOUTH XI: K Dearden (Tottenham) (sub, R Reeves, West Ham), S Ball (Arsenal), J Herrera (QPR), T Sherwood (Watford), J Cundy (Chelsea), S Fitzgerald (Wimbledon) (sub, I Bucker, Gillingham), R Wignall (Watford), S Slater (West Ham), I Gibson (Tottenham) (sub, S Smart, Tottenham), J Lillis (Gillingham), J Morris (Chelsea).

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS XI: R Williamson (Repton), J Holliday (Millfield), D Gregson (QEGS), S Round (Bolton GS), M Speckman (Brentwood), P Allen (Wolverhampton GS), D Anderson (Repton), A Lee (Chigwell) (sub, D Owen, Bolton GS), S Temperley (QEGS) (sub, S Duckegg, QEGS), N McNamara (QEGS), D Willetts (Bolton GS).

RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS LEAGUES

ARGENTINE: Talleres de Cordoba 0, Ferro Carril Oeste 2; Argentinos Juniors 0, Velez Sarsfield 0; San Lorenzo 0, Racing de Cordoba 0; Independiente 0, Instituto de Cordoba 0; River Plate 1, Newell's Old Boys 2; Union de Santa Fe 1, Boca Juniors 2; Gimnasia y Esgrima D, Platense 0; Temperley 1, Deportivo Italiano 2; Deportivo Espanol 1, Estudiantes de la Plata 1. Leading positions (after 19 matches): 1, San Lorenzo, 40 pts; =2, Independiente, Boca Juniors and Newell's Old Boys, 39.

AUSTRIAN: FCS Tirol 1, Admira Wacker 0; VOEST Linz 2, Wiener Sportclub 2; Sturm Graz 1, Rapid 3; Austria Wien 1, LASK 1. Leading standings (after 23 matches): 1, Austria Wien, 34 pts; 2, Rapid, 29; FCS Tirol, 28.

BELGIAN: Beerschot 4, Anderlecht 0; Malines 1, Royal Antwerp 0; Charleroi 2, La Gantoise 2; RWD Molenbeek 0, Berchem 0; Courtrai 1, Serang 0; Standard Liege 1, Waregem 1; Racing Jet Brussels 0, Liege 2; Lokeren 1, Cercle Bruges 2; FC Bruges 2, Beveren 0. Leading standings (after 23 matches): 1, Anderlecht, 37 pts, Malines, 37; 3, Beveren, 32.

BULGARIAN: Slavia 4, Chermomorets 3; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2, Vitosha 0; Beroe 1, Akademik 1; Lokomotiv Sofia 2, Trakia 1; Vratsa 0, Spartak Pleven 1; Etur 0, Sredets 2; Dimitrovgrad 2, Silvan 1; Pirin 2; Spartak Varna 0; Leading standings: 1, Sredets, 31 pts; 2, Slavia, 29; 3, Vitosha, 28.

DUTCH: Excelsior Rotterdam 2, AZ '67 Alkmaar 3; Den Haag 3, Utrecht 2; Haarlem 1, Feyenoord 0; Roda JC 2, Den Bosch 1; Sparta Rotterdam 1, Fortuna Sittard 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0, PSV Eindhoven 2. Postponed: Groningen-PEC Zwolle and Twente Enschede-VVV Venlo. Leading standings: 1, Ajax, played 23, 40 pts; 2, PSV, 22, 39; 3, Den Bosch, 23, 27.

FRENCH: Bordeaux 3, Sochaux 0; Toulon 0, Marseille 0; Nice 1, Toulouse 4; Saint-Etienne 1, Auxerre 1; Nantes 0, Monaco 0; Metz 2, Nancy 0; Lille 0, Lens 1; Brest 1, Laval 2; Racing Club Paris 0, Paris Saint-Germain 1; Rennes 0, Le Havre 1. Leading standings (after 27 matches): 1, Bordeaux, 39 pts; 2, Marseille, 38; 3, Toulouse, 33.

GREEK: Apollon 0, Iraklis 0; Aris 2, OFI 0; Verria 5, Ethnikos 2; Diagoras 3, Doxa 0; Larissa 1, Kalamaria 1; Olympiakos 2, AEK 0; Panionios 3, Yoannina 0; PAOK 2, Panathinaikos 3. Leading standings (after 22 matches): 1, Olympiakos, 36 pts; 2, PAOK, 29; 3, OFI, 28.

HUNGARIAN: MTK VM 0, Ferencvaros 0; Dunaujvaros 3, Vasas 2; Debrecen 0, Tatabanya 2; Siofok 3, Egar 1; Honved Budapest 1, Pecs 0; Videoton 0, Bekescsaba 0; Raba Eto Gyoer 1, Zalaegerszeg 1; Ujpesti Dozsa 4, Szombathely 0. Leading standings (after 16 matches): 1, MTK VM, 27 pts; 2, Ujpesti Dozsa, 26; 3, Tatabanya, 23.

ITALIAN: Brescia 1, Milan 0; Como 0, Ascoli 0; Empoli 0, Sampdoria 0; Internazionale 2, Juventus 1; Napoli 0, Roma 0; Torino 0, Atalanta 0; Udinese 2, Avellino 6; Verona 2, Fiorentina 2.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: FIA Cup: Quarter-finals: Bohemians 2, Derry City 1; St Patrick's Athletic 0, Shamrock Rovers 0; Rockmount 0, Dundalk 2, Galway United 0; Sligo Rovers 1, Premier division: Waterford United 1, Cork City 2.

POLISH: Pogon Szczecin 1, Stal Mielec 1; Legia Warszawa 0, GKS Katowice 0; Gornik Zabrze 3, Lechia Gdansk 1; Olimpia Poznan 0, Ruch Chorzow 0; Widzew Lodz 3, Motor Lublin 1; Polonia Bytom 0, Slask Wroclaw 1; Gornik Walbrzych 0, LKS Lodz 3; Zagleble Lubin 2, Lech Poznan 3. Leading standings (after 16 matches): 1, Gornik Zabrze, 30 pts; 2, GKS Katowice, 26; 3, Slask Wroclaw, 25.

PORTUGUESE: Vitoria Guimaraes 0, Benfica 2; Portimonense 1, Porto 0; Sporting Lisbon 2, Boavista Porto 1; Desportivo Chaves 3, Elvas 1; Rio Ave 2, Farense 0; Salgueiros Porto 0, Maritimo Funchal 2; Academica Coimbra 0, Varzim 0; Belenenses 4, Sporting Braga 2. Leading standings (after 22 matches): 1, Benfica, 38 pts, 2, Porto, 34, 3, Vitoria Guimaraes, 32.

SPANISH: Atletico Madrid 1, Real Valladolid 0; Athletic Bilbao 1, Real Madrid 2; Barcelona 2, Real Betis 0; Sabadell 1, Real Murcia 0; Sevilla 1, Espanol 0; Cadiz 1, Las Palmas 2; Racing Santander 1, Real Zaragoza 2; Real Mallorca 1, Sporting Gijon 0; Osasuna 1, Real Sociedad 3. Leading standings (after 31 matches): 1, Real Madrid, 45 pts; 2, Barcelona, 44; 3, Espanol, 40.

SOVIET: Guria Lanchkhuti 0, Spartak Moscow 2; Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 6, Zenit Leningrad 1; Neftchi Baku 1, Metallist Kharkov 2; Shakhtyor Donetsk 1, Kairat Alma-Ata 0; CSKA Moscow 2, Zhalgiris Vilnius 2; Ararat Yerevan 1, Torpedo Moscow 0; Dynamo Moscow 1, Dynamo Minsk 1.

SWISS: Aarau 1, Servette 0; Basel 4, Lausanne 3; Grasshoppers 1, Young Boys Bern 0; Locarno 0, Neuchatel Xamax 2; Lucerne 2, Wettingen 0; St Gall 2, Zurich 1. Postponed: Vevey v Sion; La Chaux-de-Fonds v Bellinzona.

YUGOSLAV: Sutjeska Nikisic 2, Spartak Subotica 0; Red Star Belgrade 1, Vardar 0; Partizan 1, Radnicki Nis 0; Hajduk Split 2, Celik Zenica 2; Velez Mostar 2, Dinamo Zagreb 4, Sarajevo 0; Rijeka 2, Dinamo Vinkovci 1; Celik Zenica 1, Partizan Belgrade 1; Sloboda Tuzla 1, Buducnost Titograd 0. Leading standings (after 21 matches): 1, Partizan, 24 pts; 2, Vardar, 24; 3, Hajduk 23.

Paraguay over the full moon

From Richard Evans, Asuncion

Victor Pecci, a long-time Paraguayan hero, and Hugo Chapacu, a new one imported from Argentina, injected a fit of delirium into this nation by defeating the United States Davis Cup team 3-2 here at the Yacht and Golf Club.

With the stadium ringed by steel-helmeted militia men and overflowing with more than 5,000 people, a full moon hanging overhead and two bands of drummers beating a rhythmical tattoo between every point, the atmosphere was extraordinary.

It had threatened to turn ugly during Chapacu's astounding fightback from 1-5 and three match points down in the fifth set against Jimmy Arias, for the American, who eventually lost 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 3-6, 9-7, had been hit by a bottle cap and a few small pebbles. The Danish referee, Kurt Nielsen, was also threatened by a spectator and a few people, orchestrated by a man in a hideous Ronald Reagan mask, shouted violent abuse at the American team.

But when Nielsen sensibly decided to ignore the new midnight curfew for Davis Cup play – ironically brought in after Paraguay had beaten France at 3am here two years ago – Pecci's calming influence and Aaron Krickstein's low-key personality allowed the fifth rubber to be played out in conditions that in Paraguay pass for normal.

Pecci, revealing again the skills that enabled him to take a set off Bjorn Borg in the 1979 French Open final, never lost his grip on the match and destroyed Krickstein's rhythm with a series of sliced backhands and drop-shots to win 6-2, 8-6, 9-7.

Immediately match-point was secured, Pecci fell flat on the red clay and trustingly allowed his countrymen to engulf him. It was 2.35am and those parts of Argentina that lie just across the Paraguayan River here must have been kept awake by the celebrations which continued through the night.

Paraguay now play Spain at home and the United States have to face Boris Becker and his West German team colleagues in a tie that will determine which nation gets relegated from the World Group.

Such is the desperate state of American tennis that, should they lose and be forced to compete in some of these Latin American countries next year in the South American Zone, there is no guarantee that they would win promotion again in the forseeable future.

Despite some bad calls at crucial moments, the USTA should not try to avoid the fact that Tom Gorman's team – the best available to him for a clay court tie – were beaten by better players.

TENNIS

Becker for Moscow

Frankfurt (AP) – Boris Becker will play an exhibition match against Andrei Chesnokov in the Soviet Union later this year, according to a report in Die Welt, the West German newspaper. The match between the Wimbledon champion and the top-ranked Soviet player will take place either in August or November in Moscow.

Leicester test

New Zealand's Barbarians have picked a near first-choice line-up to meet Leicester tomorrow in the first game of their five-match tour of England, Wales and Ireland.

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Lauda return

Niki Lauda, of Austria, three times formula one champion, may make a racing comeback in the world touring car championship in Monza, Italy this week. Lauda will try out a BMW-M3 on Thursday in Monza before deciding whether to take part in official practice for the race itself on Sunday.

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With a final decision in two months time on whether tennis will be readmitted to the Olympic Games, Philippe Chatrier, the French president of the ILTF, admits there is concern about the behaviour of some of the game's top players. In his monthly newsletter Chatrier says: "Some Olympic officials have said to me quite openly they do not like some of the things they see happening in our tournaments.

Busy days ahead for Boat Race crews

By Jim Railton

Oxford and Cambridge were all present and correct on the Tideway yesterday preparing for the Boat Race a week on Saturday. That is an achievement alone this year. Oxford were out twice and Cambridge opted for one outing late afternoon on a cold day.

After sickness in the Cambridge camp and a mutiny at Oxford, both crews are left with much to do in the final fortnight. There will not be a shortage of pacing crews either, with the Head of the River race on the same day as the Boat Race and Oxford and Cambridge in dire need of side-by-side racing by top crews before Boat Race day.

It will be a busy rowing fortnight too with the women's Boat Race at Henley next Sunday together with a supporting cast of the men's and women's lightweight boat races.

Theoretically, there can not be a Boat Race until there is a challenge. Donald Macdonald, Oxford's president, is scheduled to issue the challenge this morning at London Rowing Club. Last year's losing crew have the obligation of making the challenge. The challenge will hopefully be accepted by the Cambridge president Stephen Peel, the British international. After traumas in both camps there is absolutely no form guide at present. Oxford and Cambridge have much to prove. Cambridge will go in at the deep end when they challenge the national eight, who will have three Olympic gold medal winners on board, on Saturday.

OXFORD: H M Pelham (St Edward's and Christ Church) bow, P Glah (Dartmouth US and Oxon), R Heil (Wymondham Robinson, Cambridge and Oxon), *D H M Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield), T A D Cadoux-Hudson (St Mary's Hospital and New College), G B Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham), A D Ward (King's Chester and Oxon), P F Gleeson (St Marin's, Brentwood and Hertford) stroke, A D Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol) cox.

CAMBRIDGE: *I R Clarke (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam) bow, R A B Spink (Sherborne and Downing), N J Grandy (St Edward's and Jesus), *J S Pew (Stamford University, US, and Trinity), J R Gardner (Shrewsbury and LMBC), *P B Broughton (Southampton University and Magdalene), *S M Peel (King's and Downing), M J Britlin (Hampton and Robinson) stroke, J M Wolfson (Eton and Pembroke) cox.

* A Blue.

● Today's outings: Oxford, 9 and 2; Cambridge 10 and 4.30 (at Putney).

BASKETBALL

Solent deny rumours of liquidation

By Nicholas Harling

Speculation that Solent Stars are about to go into liquidation for the second time in just over two years was dismissed by the club yesterday. The players have not been paid for a month and have had their contracts terminated, but T J Robinsod, the American player, whose formation of a consortium saved Solent from expiring in December 1984 is adamant that the future is anything but hopeless.

"We have ceased trading," he admitted, "but we have not gone into liquidation. There is a difference. As we cannot incur any debts, we terminated all the contracts of the players, my own included and the secretary's."

Robinson, who is also a director, says that the players were told to carry on playing, but only for expenses. No pressure was put upon them to play, but so far there has not been a single absentee.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Warren's first appearance at Albert Hall

Frank Warren will mark his first promotion at the Albert Hall on April 22 with three title bouts: Brian Anderson, the British middleweight champion, from Sheffield, against Tony Sibson; Sammy Reeson, of Battersea, and the West German, Manfred Jassman, for the vacant European cruiserweight title; and Mo Hussein, the Commonwealth lightweight champion, against Lloyd Christie for his British light-welter crown.

Pat Cowdell, who will be 34 in August, has been nominated to challenge for the super-feather-weight title held by Man-chester's Najib Daho. Cowdell was beaten by Daho inside a round last May in Manchester.

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FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

DARLINGTON: Morley Tikes National Mixed Pairs: Final: Norin Walsham (J Roylance and D Ward) bt Thamesdown, Swindon (D Woodley and M Beggs), 17-15.

AUCHINLOCH: British Women's Indoor Championship: Singles: semi-finals: M Johnston (Ire) bt A Mullins (Wales), 21-19; J Lindores (Scot) bt N Shaw (Eng), 21-17. Pairs: semi-finals: Wales (S Oliver and J Davies) bt Scotland (R Danes and P Anderson), 32-9; England (W Luna and E Fairhall) bt Ireland (N Gibson and N Allely), 29-11. Triples: semi-finals: Ireland (M Montgomery, A Elliott and J Mulholland) bt England (C Rumball, J Culquhoun and J Killer), 15-11; Scotland (J Mcintosh, F Shaw and D Stuart) bt Wales (I Baker, N Evans and E Thomas), 19-11. Fours: Wales (F Lewis, V Howells, M Rees and P Griffiths) bt Ireland (S Adair, N Henderson, E Wilkinson and E Bell), 20-18; England (F Wright, K Ramsdale, G Summers, V Branson) bt Scotland (S Gourley, P Gourley, D Edwards, A Leslie), 23-14.

MOTOR RALLYING

ESTORIL: Portugal rally: Final classification: 1, M Alen (Lancia Delta HF4WD) 7hr 9min 38sec; 2, J Ragnotti (Renault 11 Turbo), 7-2.53; 3, K Eriksson (VW Golf GTI), 7-04.58; 4, J Kankkunen (Lancia Delta HF4WD), 7-11.07; 5, F Gabreal (Renault 11 Turbo), 7-15.38; 6, G Fischer (Audi Quattro), 7-19.28; 7, R Stohl (Audi Quattro), 7-28.39; 8, M Biasion (Lancia Delta HF4WD), 7-34.28; 9, J Santos (Ford Sierra Cosworth), 7-43.20; 10, J Reisalde (Fiat Uno Turbo), 7-45.20. Overall standings: 1, J Kankkunen 37pts; 2, M Alen 28; 3, M Biasion 23; 4, K Eriksson 21; 4, T Salonen 20.

HOCKEY

BUENOS AIRES: Friendship Tournament men's competition: Spain 5, Argentina 4; New Zealand 1, Australia 0. Final standings: 1, Spain; 2, Argentina; 3, New Zealand; 4, Australia.

FARNHAM COMMON: Buckinghamshire Cup: Final: Slough 2, Amersham 0.

NORWICH UNION EAST COUNTY LEAGUE: Cambridgeshire 5, Lincolnshire 2.

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HAMPSHIRE CUP: Final: Fareham 2, Trojans 1.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians 3, Lyons 1; Oxford Hawks 2, Chichester 0.

CAMBRIDGE: Women's Territorial Under-21 Championship: North 1, West 0; East 3, South 0; Midlands 1, West 0; North 1, South 0; East 3, Midlands 0. East 3, North 0; South 2, West 1; Midlands 1, North 1; East 2, West 0; Midlands 3, South 0. Final Positions: 1, East; 2, Midlands; 3, North; 4, South; 5 West.

HANDBALL

SALFORD: International Cup: Men: Final: Wales 17, England 15. Third place play-off: Scotland 36, Ireland 18. Women: Final: England 21, Wales 11. Third place play-off: Scotland 21, Ireland 9.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Strathclyde University 19, Wakefield 18; Ea. 82 21, Strathclyde Univ 13.

SQUASH RACKETS

DALLINGTON: Inter County Women's First Division Championship: Yorkshire 3 Essex 2 (Yorkshire won title).

BASKETBALL

BRITISH MASTERS: Second elimination round: Sunderland 76 ers 108 (Saunders 44), Lutterworth 128 (Young 29) (Lutterworth win 265-203 on agg); Falkirk 83 (Hoffman 29), Calderdale Explorers 92 (Blunn 36) (Calderdale win 197-160 on agg); Polycel Kingston 125 (Scott 23), Happy Eater Bracknell 110 (Sibley 29) (Kingston win 250-217 on agg); Birmingham Heartbeat 97 (Shoulders 27), HFS Portsmouth 117 (Irish 28) (Portsmouth win 234-188 on agg); BPCC Derby 110 (Coe 35), Alphaprint Hemel/Watford 96 (Knowles 30) (one leg match); Leicester 141 (Wallace 38), Aberdare 96 (Rand 44) (one leg match).

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Final: Oldham Celtics TVS 111, Just Rentals Rhondda 134.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Avon Northampton 83, Stockport Cavaliers 56.

JUNIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-offs: Semi-finals: Kingston 80, Lambeth 87; East London 73, Manchester Utd 90. Final: Lambeth 92, Manchester Utd 90.

MEN'S 8T/ATES: National Basketball Association: (NBA): Boston Celtics 113, New York Knicks 104; Indiana Pacers 123, New Jersey Nets 99; Atlanta Hawks 104, Denver Nuggets 100; Washington Bullets 97, Cleveland Cavaliers 86; Portland Trail Blazers 119, Golden State Warriors 108; Sacramento Kings 107, Seattle Supersonics 106; Los Angeles Lakers 115, Los Angeles Clippers 101.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston Celtic	47	17	.734	–
Philadelphia 76ers	35	29	.547	12
Washington Bullets	34	29	.540	12½
New York Knicks	20	44	.313	27
New Jersey Nets	19	45	.297	28
Central Division				
Detroit Pistons	43	20	.683	–
Atlanta Hawks	43	21	.672	½
Milwaukee Bucks	41	25	.621	3½
Chicago Bulls	32	31	.508	11
Indiana Pacers	31	33	.484	12½
Cleveland Cavaliers	24	41	.369	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Dallas Mavericks	41	23	.641	–
Utah Jazz	35	29	.547	6
Houston Rockets	33	31	.516	8
Denver Nuggets	26	39	.406	15
San Antonio Spurs	23	41	.359	18
Sacramento Kings	20	44	.313	21
Pacific Division				
Los Angeles Lakers	51	14	.785	–
Portland Trail Blazers	39	25	.609	11½
Seattle SuperSonics	33	33	.500	18½
Golden State Warriors	32	33	.492	19
Phoenix Suns	24	40	.375	26½
Los Angeles Clippers	11	51	.177	38½

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World Group, first round: Mexico City: Mexico bt Sweden 5-0 (Mexico names first): F Maciel bt J Bates, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5; L Lavalle bt A Gaspe, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Lavalle and J Lozano bt Bates and Castle, 6-2, 6-1, 7-9, 6-2; A Moreno bt Castle, 9-7, 6-1; Lozano bt Bates, 6-4, 6-3.

EASTERN ZONE: First round: Kunming City, China: China bt Indonesia 4-1. Hong Kong: Hong Kong bt Malaysia 5-0.

AFRICAN ZONE: Quarter-finals: Abidjan: Nigeria bt Ivory Coast 3-2. Dakar: Senegal v Algeria, postponed (rescheduled for March 27-29).

AMERICAN ZONE: Quarter-finals: Guayaquil: Ecuador bt Bolivia 5-0. Montevideo: Brazil bt Uruguay 3-2. Nassau: Commonwealth Caribbean v Chile 2-2 (latest score).

SCOTTSDALE: Arizona women's championships: Singles: Final: A White (US) bt D Balestrat (Aus), 6-1, 6-2. Doubles: Finals: P Burg and B Herr (US) bt M L Piatek and A White (US), 2-6, 6-2, 7-6.

YACHTING

ROYAL LYMINGTON YACHT CLUB: Solent Circuit: Spring Series: Race One: Class 3 (IOR): 1, Mistress (J A Warr and Sons); 2, Beelord; 3, Just Enuff (A Robarts); 3, Joint Venture (R E Simonds). Class 4 (CHS): 1, Barracuda of Terrant (R Fisher); 2, Arbaretion (J A Gray); 3, Rotsweight (M J Wright). Class 5 (CHS): 1, Freya of Asgard (M Barry); 2, Extra Win (N Gon-Jones); 3, Tao (Dr Lilley).

LONG BEACH: Congressional Cup: Overall: 1, E Warden-Owen, 7 wins, 2 defeats; =2, C Dickson and P Isler, 6 wins and 3 defeats; 4, J Chedden; =5, D Perry and D Dellenbaugh, 5 wins and 4 defeats; 7, R Haines, 4 wins and 5 defeats; 8, C Buchan; =9, B Rand and J Murray, 2 wins and 7 defeats. BOMBAY: Commissioners Regatta: Sixth race: 1, I Barker and J Bromley (Penarth YC); 2, H Madhavan (Incat); 3, N Mendsen and K Crabbin (Blackwood and Fleetwood YC); 4, P Ford and N Prince (Southport SC); 5, G and M Ellis (Leigh and Lowton SC). Overall: Gold: Mersden and Crabbin; Silver: G and M Ellis; Bronze: S Venables and J Hubert (Shustoke SC).

CANNES: Ski-yachting regatta for dinghies: Flying Dutchman class: 1, Frau and Fachi (Sp); 2, M Donaste and Manrique (Sp); 3, Ingold and Kaenzig (Switz). British placings: 4, Yeoman and Burgin. 13, Ashthorp and Clark. 15, Henderson and Bowers. Dverall: 1, L Donaste and Manrique (Sp); 2, Berger and Ingold (Switz); 3, M Donaste and Manrique (Sp). Bridge: 6, Yeoman. 15, Ashthorp. 17, Henderson. Ski-yachting combined: 1, Berger and Berger. 470 Ladies last race: 1, Le Brun and Berge (Fr); 2, Ellis and Ellis (GB); 3, Lemström and Leinström (Fin). Bahiate: 5, Jordan and Jordan. 9, Hedgecock and Rushall; 10, Shellcock and Campbell. Overall: 1, Hardwidge and Pinnow (GB); 2, Vahrendorf and La Puente (ESp); 3, Calvell and Ybarra (Sp). Britains 9, Jordan. 13, Shellcock. 14 Hedgecock. 15, Marks. 18 Stodel. Ski-yachting combined: Brand and Fournaise (Fr).

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Sophie Witter and Christopher Davalle



Bringing home foreign flavour: Claudia Roden discovers the food of Egypt in the first edition of Mediterranean Cookery (BBC1, 8.30pm)

Making a meal out of cooking

● Cookery programmes are too often just filling, today's equivalent of the old potter's wheel film. Of recent presenters Keith Floyd, with his devil-may-care approach, at least left one assured that the pudding was on the table, not behind it. **Mediterranean Cooking** (BBC2, 8.30pm) is more packaging than content and offers the now familiar BBC combination of a programme linked to the publication of a pricy book. Food more than anything, we're told, evokes the country and spirit of its people. A pity then that the commentary here doesn't rise above cliché and the pictures *routine travelogue*. Claudia Roden starts this seven-part series in Egypt, whose diet of fruit, vegetables, pulses and grain, with little meat and fat, is generally very healthy.

CHOICE

● Minced meat is the best the Smith family manages, on Sundays, in **World of UB40** (BBC1, 11.55pm). Each night this week, the effects of prolonged unemployment on the Smith family is examined. "It's just an existence, that's all it is," says John Smith Snr, jobless for the third time in three years. "And you've got to eke it out as best you can."

● **Earth: The Coming of the Green** (ITV, 10.40pm) traces the development of the environmental movement through the writing of people like Harrison Brown, who did early pioneering work on population growth, and Rachel Carson, whose book *Silent Spring* challenged the whole fabric of industrial society.

● **Just for Laughs** (Channel 4, 10.50pm) features North American comics on stage in Montreal and the British commedienne Helen Ledcrer. Paul Reiser, a star in the film *Aliens*, produces the most polished act in a by-and-large funny show. How exactly did they get sweaters off sheep? he imagines being asked upon his resurrection in some future age. Stumped for an answer, he's then asked if he did live in the 20th century. "Yes," he replies, "but I wasn't paying attention."

● The radio choice is **The Tuesday Feature** (Radio 4, 8.30pm), a repeat of *Behind the Mask*, which attempts to penetrate the mystery surrounding the identity of the Man in the Iron Mask who died in the Bastille in 1703.

Chris Petit



Investing in the future: A dramatization of a true-life, two-year strike by women bank employees. Women of Willmar (Ch4, 9pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.3**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.58** and **8.25.** **8.40** Watchdog. Consumer problems investigated **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather **9.05** day to Day. With Robert Kilroy-Silk **9.45** Advice Shop. Margo Macdonald advises on how to keep up mortgage repayments. **10.00** News and weather **10.05** Neigbours (r) **10.25** Children's BBC with Phillip Schofield **10.30** Play School (r) **10.50** Paddington (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Hannah Gordon with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05 Bazaar** with Judi Spiers. Includes tips on fish dishes for kids and how to start a tool kit **11.30 Open Air** includes new and weather at 12.00. **12.20** The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from Port Talbot with Debbie Greenwood **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25** Neigbours. Eileen Clarke clashes with Joan Langdon **1.50** Gran (r) **1.55** Animal Fair (r). **2.05** The Cheltenham Festival. First day of the National Hunt meeting **2.15** The Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle **2.50** The Arkle Challenge Trophy Steeplechase. **3.00** Budget 87. Peter Snow presents coverage of the budget, with comment from Sir Patrick Meaney, Gavin Laird and Peter Oppenheimer. Sir Robin Day gets the reaction of leading politicians. With reports on the effects of the Budget on tax payers, the City and voters in the key marginal constituency of Pendle in Lancashire. **5.35** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Holiday 87 introduced by Frank Bough. A look at cycling in Ireland, New Orleans by Greyhound bus and holidays in Mexico. (Ceefax). **7.30** EastEnders. Pete is not the only one to have hazel Pat, but will he be the one who is put away? (Ceefax). **8.00** Sorry! Comedy series starring Ronnie Corbett and Barbara Lott. (Ceefax) (r) **8.30** Dear John starring Ralph Bates. (Ceefax) (r) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Budget 87. With the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Nigel Lawson. **9.40** Tutti Frutti. Danny takes time out for a television tribute to the Beast of Rock while Suzi joins in the bandwagon. (Ceefax) **10.40** Film 87. Barry Norman with extracts from The Fourth Protocol, a film version of Forsyth's cold-war thriller starring Michael Caine, and War Zone, where political intrigue is carried out against the background of war-torn Beirut. **11.05** Chris de Burgh. In concert from the King's Hall, Belfast. Songs include Don't Pay the Ferryman, Fatal Hesitation and The Lady in Red. **11.55** World of UB40. The Smith family faces the prospect of moving again to find work. John is unemployed for the third time in three years and enrols on a MSC course to improve his chances. (see Choice) **12.10** Weather.



Jumping for joy: Three sports teachers, winners of last week's contest, return to fight again in Busman's Holiday (ITV, 7.30pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University. Living with technology: sound in view. Ends at **7.20.** **9.00** Ghorber. Weekly magazine for Asian women. **9.25** Ceefax. **9.52** Daytime on Two: Protestant and Catholic vicars in Hessle at the time of the Reformation **10.15** Look and Read **10.38** Science in Action: how to recycle family waste **11.00** Watch: birds' eggs **11.17** Near and Far: taking holidays in British coastal resorts, from Minehead. **11.37** Textile Studies looks at fashion makers **11.57** Politics and You **12.18** Going to work **12.40** The taste of health **1.05** Telejournal **1.38** English Time: horror stories **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year olds. **2.15** Cameo. The wildlife of the Camargue (r). **2.25** Songs of Praise for St Patrick's Day from County Monaghan (Ceefax). **3.00** The Cheltenham Festival. Live coverage of the main race of the first day's card. **3.45** News, regional news and weather. **3.50** Count Me In (r) **4.10** The Hunter (r) **4.15** Jackanory. Tom Baker with part two of Ted Hughes' The Iron Man (r) **4.25** The Album. **4.50** John Craven's Newsround **5.00** Grange Hill. Episode 21 and Ant to the rescue (Ceefax). **5.30** Tomorrow's World (r). **6.00** The Citadel. Episode eight and Andrew's meeting with the American raises a few eyebrows in the club. **6.50** 100 Great Sporting Moments. Chataway versus Kuts in October 1954. **7.00** Top Crown. Karen Galvin and Mary Farmer meet Noel Burrows and Roy Armson in the last quarterfinal of the Invitation Pairs Crown Green Tournament **7.45** One Man and His Dog. Second semi-final of the singlessheepdog championship: and the Brace competition continues. **8.30** Mediterranean Cookery. New seven-partseries introduced and narrated by Claudia Roden, beginning with Egypt. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **9.00** Film: Jabberwocky (1977) starring Michael Palin, Max Wall and Warren Mitchell. A black comedy about a vile monster ravaging a medieval kingdom. Directed by Terry Gillian. **10.35** Budget 87. With the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Nigel Lawson. **10.45** Newsnight with analysis of the main events of the day **11.30** Weatherview. **11.35** Ludwig van Beethoven: Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 22, Op 54. **11.50** The Cheltenham Festival. Highlights of today's races. **12.10** Open University: Physics - Energy to Go Round. Ends at **12.40.**

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6.15 TV-am with Richard Keys.Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.** **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55** and postbag at **8.35.** After Nine is presented by Jayne Irving, with guest star Barbara Day. **9.25** Thames News Headlines. **9.30** Schools: the tragedy of Eyam village in 1665 **9.50** How we interpret news **10.09** Using hand signals **10.26** Part two of chemicals from salt **10.48** The city of Caro **11.10** Writing stories **11.27** Safety in the home **11.44** Author and illustrator Anthony Browne talks about inspiration. **12.00** Tickle on the Tum (r) **12.10** Rainbow (r) **12.30** The Sullivans. Dave helps a family without a home. **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames News **1.30** Bulman. The story of a villain who returns home from exile. (Oracle) **2.30** Daytime. Sarah Kennedy leads a discussion on the pros and cons of late parenthood. Guests in the studio are Geraldine James, Sheila Kitzinger, Dr Gillian Craig and the editor of Options magazine, Sally O Sullivan. **3.00** Budget 87. Sir Alastair Burnet presents views and verdicts on the Chancellor's fourth budget;Carol Barnes interviews guests Norman Willis, General Secretary of the TUC, and Sir Ralph Halpern, Burton Group Chairman; political editor Michael Brunson monitors the reactions of MPs; Nicholas Owen reports on views in the City and Jon Snow asks Peterborough shoppers how they think their lives will be affected. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Armstrong. **6.00** Thames News. **6.30** Busman's Holiday. Brush Rail guards of the London-York route compete against shipmasters from Dover-Calais ferries. (Oracle) **7.00** Emmerdale Farm. Eager preparations for Robert's first birthday. **7.30** Reporting London. Reporter Michael Wilson looks at the problem of illegal deer poachers in the Home Counties, whose activities threaten the herds with extinction. Presented by Michael Barratt. **8.00** Highway to Heaven. Last of two-part series about an angel sent to show his worth on earth. **9.00** Boon. Ken turns for advice to an unusual person when faced with the prospect of losing his business. Starring Michael Ephrick and David Daker. **10.00** News at Ten presented by Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines. **10.30** The Budget. The Rt Hon Nigel Lawson MP discusses today's budget. **10.40** Earth: the Coming of the Green. The second episode of the series, in which Anne Massey narrates the story of our developing awareness of ecology - of how nature works and how we are intertering with its processes. (see Choice) **11.40** Film: Downfall" (1963). Maurice Denham plays plays criminal lawyer Sir Harold Crossley in this Edgar Wallace thriller. His defence of Martin Somers, accused of murder, is successful, but problems follow. With Nadja Regin, Peter Barkworth and Ellen McKenna. Directed by John Moxey. **12.40** Night Thoughts with the Rev Wynne Lewis



Solo spot for a funny lady: Helen Lederer is a guest star for the new comedy series Just For Laughs (Ch4, 10.50pm)

CHANNEL 4

12.15 Their Lordships' House. Highlights of yesterday's debates in the House of Lords. (r) **2.30** Film:The Terror" (1938). Based on the Edgar Wallace play about two crooks who trail The Terror to a haunted priory. Starring Alastair Sim and Henry Oscar. Not to be mistaken for the 1963 Boris Karloff film of the same title. Directed by Richard Bird. **3.45** Years Ahead. The over-60's magazine presented by Robert Dougall, discusses fitness, self-defence for the elderly and benefit payments for the disabled. With Kitty Godfree and Cherry Marshall. **4.30** Countdown. Confectionary factoryworker Martyn Horwell from York is today's challenger in the words and numbers game. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by Richard Stilgoe **5.00** Bewitched. Arguments over Halloween in this episode of the comedy about a modern witch. Samantha Stephens. **5.30** Great Walks goes today to the Malvern Hills for the first of six programmes set in different parts of Britain. (r) **6.00** Shane: The Killer in the Valley. Television spin-off of the Western classic. Shane struggles to get medicine but finds the whole stock has been bought up. Starring David Carradine. **7.00** Channel 4 News. Presented by Peter Sissons and Christabel King. With a report on this afternoon's budget. Followed by weather. **8.00** Brookside. Paul begins to suspect who killed his dog and Billy and Noreen think about moving south. **8.30** 4 What It's Worth. Reports on a horse-racing syndicate, the problems facing people looking for homes in big cities, the best buys in washing machines and an update on car recalls. **9.00** Film: The Women of Willmar (1983). True-life story of the battle against sexual discrimination of eight women bank employees in seventies Minnesota. Starring Lee Grant, Jean Stapleton and Dinah Manoff. Directed by Lee Grant. **10.50** Just for Laughs. First in a new series of highlights from the Festival of Comedy which took place in Montreal, Canada, last July. Tonight starring British comedienne Helen Lederer, American Jay Leno and Paul Reiser. (see Choice) **11.20** Comedy Wavelength. New comedy sketches, presented by Paul Merton. **11.50** Coming Next...Hilarious goings-on in the Sloane Square. (r) **12.15** Their Lordships' House. Today's proceedings from the House of Lords. Ends at **12.30.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Computer Challenge 9.40-10.05 Week in Week Out 10.05-11.05 Tom Frutti 12.10am-12.35 Film 87 12.35-12.40 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Doraman 5.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.00-8.50 Scotland 2000 – A Screaming Waste (part 1) 8.50-9.00 Action Replay 10.40-11.05 Scotland 2000 – A Screaming Waste (part 2) 12.10am-12.35 Film 87 12.35-12.40 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND 11.05am-11.30 The Ballycastle Flesh 5.35pm-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Make Mine Country 8.00-8.30 My Derry 10.40-11.20 Film and Film 11.20-12.10am Chris De Burgh 12.10-12.35 Film 87 12.35-12.50 The World of UB40 12.50-12.55 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: 2.10pm-2.50 Songs of Praise 2.50-3.35 Rugby Union 3.35 Regional news and weather 3.40-4.40 Rugby Union 4.40-4.50 The Iron Maiden. SCOTLAND: 5.30pm-6.00 Prospects.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20 1.30 News 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Langley Bottom 7.30 Busman's Holiday 11.40 Scarecrow and Mrs King 12.35am Tuesday Topic. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.00 Lookaround 5.35 Crossroads 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest 12.40am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-7.00 News 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest 11.40 Sweeney 12.40am Jobfinder 1.40 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest 11.40 Police Precinct 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest 11.40 Man in a Suitcase 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Take the High Road 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest 11.40 Sweeney 12.40am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Televiews 6.30 Tuesday View - Arts 7.00 Never the Twain 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Magnum 11.40 New Avengers 12.40am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20 News 1.30 Country Practice 2.25-2.30 Action 5.00 Coast to Coast 6.25 Police 5 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 TJ Hooker 11.40 Police Precinct 12.40am Company.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25-1.30 Lookaround 5.00 Northern Life 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest 11.40 Worlds Beyond 12.10am Portrait of a Saint, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 5.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25 Diary Dates 6.35-7.00 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Today is St Patrick 11.40 Minder 12.35am News, Close

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 Calendar 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30 Busman's Holiday 8.00-9.00 Murder She Wrote 11.40 New Avengers 12.40am Jobfinder 1.40 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 11.10am Ysgolion 11.50 Interval 12.00 Film: The Blue Peter" 1.45am Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Irish Angle 3.00 Four American Composers 4.00 Fflalabalam 4.15 Den Dog 4.20 Heros 5.00 Bewitched 5.30 Shane 6.30 Family Ties 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Y Peter Sports 8.00 Treasure Hunt 9.00 Dygedion Gosnay 10.00 Golden Girls 10.30 Pioneers of Socialism 11.15 Eleventh Hour 11.40 Eleventh Hour 12.30am Eleventh Hour 12.50 Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below) News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then **10.00** and **12.00** midnight. **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Simon Mayo **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes (incl Top 40 singles) **7.30** Tom Robinson **10.00-12.00** John Peel **VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo VHF News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** Sports Desks **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.03, 6.07, 6.45** (mf only). **9.55** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Gloria Hunniford **1.05pm** David Jacobs **3.00** Budget Special with Jimmy Young **6.05** Vince Hill **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz **7.30** Steve Race Presents the BBC Radio Orchestra **9.00** Brendan Shine in Concert **10.00** On Cue **10.30** Town and Country Quiz **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Here's Health. 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Catch the Wind 8.30 Puccini and his World 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Kings of Swing 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.32 Jude the Obscure 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Wavelength 11.25 A Letter From Scotland 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.09 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours: News 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Loved by the Gods 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 3.50 Racing from Cheltenham: The Championship Hurdle 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Budget Roundup 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.01 People and Pets 9.15 Book Choice 9.45 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Sang Gospel 11.30 The Drugs Trail – The Traffickers 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Performing Early Music 2.30 Jude the Obscure 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 People and Pets 4.45 Book Choice 5.45 The World Today. All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only). **8.55** Weather. **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert. Purcell, Overture Bonduca (Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Fauré, Dolly Suite (Magda Tagliaferro and Daniel Varsano, piano duet); Dvorak, Symphonic poem, The Golden Spinning Wheel, Op 109 (Bavarian RSO under Rafel Kubelik). **8.00** News **8.05** Suk, Fantastic Scherzo (Czech PO under Zdenek Macal); Ravel, La gibet; Scarbo (Gaspard de la Nuit) (Ivo Pogorelich, piano); Liszt, Symphonic poem: Mazeppa (Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan); Berlioz, Hungarian March (SRO Ernest Ansermet). **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Lully. Miserere; Dies irae (Donna Brown, soprano; Guillemette Laurens, mezzo-soprano; Howard Crook, tenor; Hervé Lamy, tenor; Peter Kooy, bass; Choir and Orchestra of La Chapelle Royale under Philippe Herreweghe). **10.00** Chausson and Franck. Medici String Quartet with Imogen Cooper, piano, play Chausson, Chanson perpétuelle; Franck, Piano Quintet in F minor. **10.45** Elizabeth Maconchy, Suite: The Land (BBC PO under Raymond Leppard); Concertino for clarinet and small orchestra (Janet Hilton, BBC SSO under Nicholas Kraemer); Varrazioni concertanti (Thomas Ratter, oboe; Paul Tinsinger, clarinet; Jonathan Goodall, horn; David Chatwin, bassoon; BBC PO under Raymond Leppard). **11.30** BBC Northern Singers. Mozart, Mass in C (K115); Cibavit eos (K44); Carl Georg Reutter, De profundis clamavi; Michael Haydn, Missa pro tempore Quadragesimae (Keith Elcombe, organ; David Fletcher, cello; under Stephen Cleobury). **12.10** Midday Concert. William Wordsworth, Symphony No 8; Rachmaninov, Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini (Peter Donohoe, piano; BBC SSO under Jerzy Maksymiuk). **1.00** News **1.05** Midday Concert. Fauré, Ballade Op 19; Haydn, Symphony No 96 in D. **1.55** Guitar Encores played by Costas Cotsiolis, Leo Brouwer, Tres Baladas del Decameron Negro. **2.10** Music for St Patrick's Day. Norman Hay, Duniuce (Ulster Orchestra under Maurice Handford); Joan Trimble, Three Songs (Daphne Arlow, mezzo-soprano; Philip Hammond, piano); Howard Ferguson, Octet, Op 4 (Nash Ensemble); Victor Herbert, Cello Concerton No 2 in E minor (Raphael Wallfisch, Ulster Orchestra); Joan Trimble (Joan and Valerie Trimble, two pianos); Frederick May, String Quartet in C minor (Aeolian Quartet); Stanford, Symphony No 4 in F (Ulster Orchestra). **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure **6.55** News **7.00** Imabulations for Lute. Christopher Wilson, lute, plays music by Sermisy, Richefort and Sandrin, arranged by Attaingnant, da Milano and de Rippe. **7.30** BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra from Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. Beethoven, Overture: Egmont; Mozart, Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat (K 595); Bruckner, Symphony No 4 in E flat (Rafael Orozco, piano, under James Loughran). With interval reading at 8.10. **9.45** Victoria Station by Harold Pinter. Directed by John Tydeman. **10.00** Horn Trios by Ligeti and Brahms, in E flat, Op 40 (Robin Graham, horn; Saschko Gawriloff, violin; Eckart Besch, piano). **10.55** Rooms. Anne Sexton's poems compiled by Julia Stoneham, read by Connie Booth. **11.15** Brian Boydell, Quartet No 1, Op 31 (Academica String Quartet); Mouth Music, Op 72 (BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Wilkinson). **11.57** News.

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **8.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Call John Howard: Phone-in (01-580 4411). Lines open from **8.00am.** **10.00** News; From Our Own Correspondnet. Life and politics from around the world. **10.30** Morning Story. A Touch of St Patrick, written and read by Jude Collins. **10.45** Daily Service (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Thirty Minute Theatre. Dreams of Dublin Bay, by Frank Dunne. **11.33** The Living World. Jeremy Cherfas discovers a potent smell which sends wasps wild, and finds out how gorilla daughters follow in the footsteps of their mothers. **12.00** News; You and Yours. Consumer advice with Susan Rae. **12.27** My Music. Panel game chaired by Steve Race (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One. News **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour, with Sarah Dunant. Martin Benedyk visits the village of Neve Shalom in Israel where Arab and Jewish families are coexisting in peace. Also part one of Penelope Lively's book Pack of Cards, read by Sheila Mitchell. **3.00** News; My Difficulties as Carter. Recollections of John Stewart Collis, who in 1940 rejected an Army post in favour of working on the land. **3.15** PM Budget Special, including at **3.30** the Budget Speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, direct from the House of Commons. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** The Six O'Clock News: PM Budget Special, with comments from Roy Hattersley and David Steel. **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** File on 4. **8.00** Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care. **8.30** The Tuesday Feature: Behind the Mask. Harry thompson tries to discover the identity of The Man in the Iron Mask, who died in the Bastille in Paris in 1703. What were the reasons for his long and secret confinement? (s) **9.15** In Touch. Magazine for the visually handicapped and their families. **9.45** Kaleidoscope, presented by Michael Oliver. Includes news and reviews of The Oxford Book of Local Verse, the film War Zone and the Messian festival. **10.15** A Book at Bedtime. Love Lies Bleeding, by Edmond Crispin (7) (s) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **10.40** The Budget. A statement on the Budget from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson. **10.50** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight, incl the City's verdict on the Budget. **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping **VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Time and Tune (s) **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Radio club **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** History Long Ago **2.25** Contact **2.40** Listening to Music (s) Saint-Saens's Symphonic Poem – Danse Macabre (Part 2) **3.15-5.55** The Budget direct from the House of Commons: the Chancellor of the Exchequer's full speech, followed by the reply from Neil Kinnock **11.30** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum: Universny Magazine **11.50** Technology: Sound and Signals **12.10am** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Consumer education: Value for Money **12.30** 3: Health, Housing and Rights **12.50** 4: Money (s)

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Fulham owner in crisis talks

David Bulstrode, the Fulham chairman, is ready to consider a partial redevelopment of Craven Cottage, which would enable the club to carry on playing football there.

Although Bulstrode, who is also chairman of the property developers Marler Estates, does not think the scheme will work, he is to have further talks with Hammersmith and Fulham Council. Bulstrode met Gordon Prentice, the council leader, and the local MP Nick Raynsford, yesterday to try to thrash out a formula to keep Fulham in existence.

The politicians are in favour of a plan to redevelop all four sides of Craven Cottage and build luxury flats. Bulstrode said: "I don't believe such a scheme would be financially viable, either from a property point of view or for the football club."

Marler have received an offer of £20 million from a builder who wanted to redevelop the site but Bulstrode said the offer had no safeguards for the future of the football club.

Prospect of Scottish derby final

A Tayside derby final between Dundee and Dundee United is in prospect after yesterday's Scottish Cup semi-final draw. However, United still have to overcome Forfar, with whom they drew last Saturday. The replay will be staged next Tuesday.

The other semi-final pits Hearts or Motherwell against St Mirren. The Scottish FA will delay announcing the venues for the ties until after tonight's replay between Motherwell and Hearts.

DRAW: Hearts or Motherwell v St Mirren; Dundee v Dundee United or Forfar. *Ties to be played April 11.*

O'Leary left out again

David O'Leary, the Arsenal defender, has been overlooked for the third time by the Republic of Ireland manager, Jack Charlton, in the squad for the European Championship qualifying match against Bulgaria in Sofia on April 1.

SQUAD: P Bonner (Celtic), D Langan (Oxford United), R Whelan (Liverpool), P McGrath (Manchester United), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), M McCarthy (Manchester City), K Moran (Manchester United), L Brady (West Ham), R Houghton (Oxford), F Stapleton (Manchester United), A Galvin (Tottenham), J Aldridge (Liverpool), N Quinn (Arsenal), C Hughton (Tottenham), J Byrne (QPR), R O'Brien (Manchester United), J Sheridan (Leeds), J Anderson (Newcastle).

Decision delay

The Football League commission yesterday delayed their decision on Wolverhampton Wanderers' claim to a share of Wayne Clarke's transfer fee from Birmingham to Everton. Clarke originally moved from Wolverhampton Wanderers to Birmingham.

FA put safety first with choice of semi-final venues

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The black shadow of hooliganism yesterday fell across the draw for the semi-final of the FA Cup. The tie between Tottenham Hotspur and Watford would, in normal and safer circumstances, have been staged in the north of the capital in an arena that was convenient for both clubs and their followers.

Highbury, the home of Arsenal, would have been the most appropriate setting. Instead it is to be held more than 100 miles away in the Midlands, at Villa Park. An FA spokesman said that "we were faced with a difficult situation. We were looking not at one match but two."

He pointed out that "it would be far better for the replay, which would be a night match, to be played at a London ground rather than the other way around. The explanation suggests that the FA is using foresight, a characteristic for which the governing body is not renounced.

The inference, though it was not stated in so many words, was that the prospect of thousands of rival supporters travelling up in the same direction in the early evening and down again late at night in midweek was a cause for concern. On Saturdays the fear of hooliganism diminishes.

The effect of the neutral spectators might also have been considered. Those at Villa Park next month will be dispassionate. Since those at Arsenal, Tottenham's bitter rivals and their conquerors in the Littlewoods Cup, would be anything but, the FA will be praying that the contest finishes decisively on April 11.

FA secretary Ted Croker seemed to confirm this when he said: "Highbury has not got fencing and it is also so near to Tottenham. As for Chelsea the parking is not good and there are added crowd complications which we do not have at Villa."

Watford's box officer manager Roger Fleming was not in favour. "It's going to be a real headache organising the travel," he said. "The M1, with its roadworks, is bad enough as it is, without two sets of fans going up there."

The FA's decision to play for a win, as it were, would appear to belittle the plea uttered recently by the domestic authorities in Berne. If there are indeed misgivings about the behaviour of supporters at home, why ask for the European ban on English clubs to be lifted?

It also seems to be significant that the other semi-final between Coventry City and Leeds United is to unfold at Hillsborough. The choice of Sheffield Wednesday's ground, rather than that of Old Trafford which is more equidistance for instance, has reduced the distance to be covered by the notorious followers of Leeds.

David Pleat, Tottenham's manager, was relieved to have avoided their presence. He admitted that if paired with Leeds: "We could have had crowd problems". He went on to add: "People thought that the best draw for us would have been against the second division side but I believe that we might have been overconfident".

Pleat himself has no fears about potential disturbances at the match. "There will be no trouble", he stated. "Watford have a friendly spirit and have been brought up on good standards". Yet he appreciated that individual incentives involving four of the players will raise the level of commitment.

Watford will be galvanised especially by Falco, who will be competing against his old colleagues, and Rostron, whose suspension two years ago cost him a Cup final place against Everton.

Tottenham are collectively aiming to set a new record by winning the Cup for the eighth time but two members of Pleat's line-up, Ardiles and Hoddle will be especially keen seeing as they may be in their last season at the club.

Watford, on holiday in Trinidad, awoke to their fate and they will also know that Tottenham are regarded marginally as the favourites. Leeds, the lone remnants from outside the first division, are the outsiders at 5-1.

They could yet follow Sunderland (Billy Bremner, now the Leeds manager, was in the side beaten by them in 1973), Southampton and West Ham United, the other representatives from the second division to have recently won the trophy. To assist them, they have a spy from the enemy camp.

Semi-final draw

Coventry City v Leeds United *(at Hillsborough)*
Tottenham Hotspur v Watford *(at Villa Park)*
Ties to be played on April 11.

Britain remains four nations

From David Miller, Zurich

Any remaining doubts about the continued individual membership of the four British associations within FIFA was removed by a categoric statement from Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of FIFA, at their headquarters here yesterday, where a series of meetings were taking place on the organisation of the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

"The position of the British associations will not be waived on account of some particular attack by other members of FIFA," Mr Blatter said. "I can assure the associations of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales that their privileges will continue to be maintained in international football. There is no way that they can lose their integral membership."

Mr Blatter explained that the FIFA executive committee have carefully studied the legal aspects of historic files and these proved conclusively that the British associations were entitled to indefinite membership as separate countries, with the voting rights at any FIFA congress, with their position within the International Board, and with the fielding of separate teams in any of FIFA's international competitions, including the four-yearly World Cup, the next of which is in 1990.

When the British associations reapplied for FIFA membership after the last war a special memorandum was drawn up in April 1946 at a meeting with FIFA representatives at Lancaster Gate in London. After this meeting the memorandum was submitted to the congress in July in Luxemburg, at which all the proposals were ratified.

"What the British associations have are not privileges but statutory rights acquired through congress," Mr Blatter said. "It is a principle of FIFA that where such decisions are taken they cannot be changed by subsequent proposals. Otherwise FIFA would have no stability. We could not, for example, change the decision every few years about where the headquarters of FIFA should be. The British associations will retain their present position."

Before the congress met in Mexico last year there was a move by Guinea and other Third World countries to reduce Britain's voting power within FIFA but it was withdrawn when João Havelange promised that there would be a review of FIFA statutes. Mr Blatter stressed yesterday that this review did not necessarily mean a revision or a modification of the statutes. "Maybe they're good as they are," he said with a smile.

● North Korea's refusal to play a scheduled Olympic qualifying match against Malaysia yesterday in a triangular tournament in Kuala Lumpur has resulted in their disqualification. They refused to play because they considered themselves joint hosts of next year's Olympic Games and therefore entitled to automatic qualification.



Flatterer (Jonathan Sheppard) is put through his paces (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Linley chosen to partner West Tip

Richard Linley was the surprise choice yesterday to ride West Tip, last year's Grand National winner, in the Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Thursday. He replaces *Richard Dunwoody, who* partners Charter Party.

Linley only returned to race riding in January after suffering serious injuries in a road accident in 1985 in which his wife died. He made a triumphant return on Robin Goodfellow at Kempton, but since then he has enjoyed only occasional success.

Dunwoody has been West Tip's regular rider, which included last year's Aintree triumph, but a row broke out at the weekend when Dunwoody decided to ride Charter Party at Cheltenham for his boss, *David Nicholson.*

West Tip's trainer, Michael Oliver, accused Dunwoody of "lack of loyalty". He said yesterday: "Peter Luff, the owner of West Tip, readily agreed that Linley will ride the horse at Cheltenham and in the Grand National."

Oliver said that Linley will meet West Tip for the first time on Thursday. He added: "If all goes well at Cheltenham, I'll ask Linley to come over and watch some tapes so he can get to know the horse even better before the National."

Stearsby, the second favourite, may miss Thursday's big race. His trainer Jenny Pitman said yesterday that the horse had a setback while schooling.

"He unshipped Graham McCourt and has suffered a slight over-reach. But I am still hopeful that he will be 110 per cent on the day. The next 24 hours will be crucial," she said. "I think we've got a better than 50-50 chance. We will just have to treat the problem with patience and care."

Stearsby, winner of the Welsh National this season, is currently quoted at 8-1 with the sponsors.

Galway Blaze will miss the Gold Cup. A spokesman for Nick Henderson's stable said: "Unfortunately, he is not ready and will be kept back for the Whitbread Trophy at Aintree."

Simon Barnes on Jenny Pitman, Page 35

Other racing, Pages 34 and 35

Flatterer gathers momentum

By Christopher Goulding

Jonathan Sheppard's Flatterer had his final workout at Lambourn yesterday, chasing a first American success in today's Champion Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival.

The assault has been meticulously planned with Flatterer, arguably the best-ever American jumper, staying at John Francome's stable since his arrival on Saturday.

The American star, an eight-year-old, has certainly caught the punters' attention, having been backed down from 20-1 to half those odds for the big event.

Francome knows the horse well and won twice on him in the United States. The former champion jockey, who has also ridden the champion hurdler, See You Then, said: "There would not be an awful lot between them."

Flatterer, who has landed the Colonial Cup on four consecutive occasions, will be ridden today by his regular American jockey, 39-year-old Jerry Fishback.

Victory in court for show jumper

By Jenny MacArthur

Peter Charles, the international show jumper, can continue to ride Mr Cecil Williams's April Sun and Merrimandias until after next month's World Cup final in Paris after a high court order yesterday.

Under the terms of the order Charles will also receive commission on the sale of the two horses for which Mr Williams is seeking a figure of £500,000. The horses will be returned to Mr Williams for sale immediately after the final — for which Charles, currently lying thirteenth in the European League, looks certain to qualify.

The long-running dispute between Charles and Williams began last year when Williams announced his intention to sell the two horses. Charles, who like most show jumpers, had only a verbal contract with his owner, disputed the terms under which April Sun and Merrimandias — his only Grade A horses — had come to his yard.

Despite Charles's delight at yesterday's ruling it is a hollow triumph. His current standing in show jumping is due to his outstanding partnership with the nine-year-old April Sun on whom he has been a regular member of the British Nations Cup team and would have been a contender for the team for this year's European championships.

● Lucinda Green, the former World champion, has been given special dispensation to run her best horse, Regal Realm, at next month's Badminton Horse Trials even though he has not qualified for the event at the time of entry.

Because of his exceptional record the Horse Trials committee — of which Mrs Green is a member — asked the Badminton committee if the horse could compete there providing it meets the qualifications at the time of starting as opposed to the time of entry.

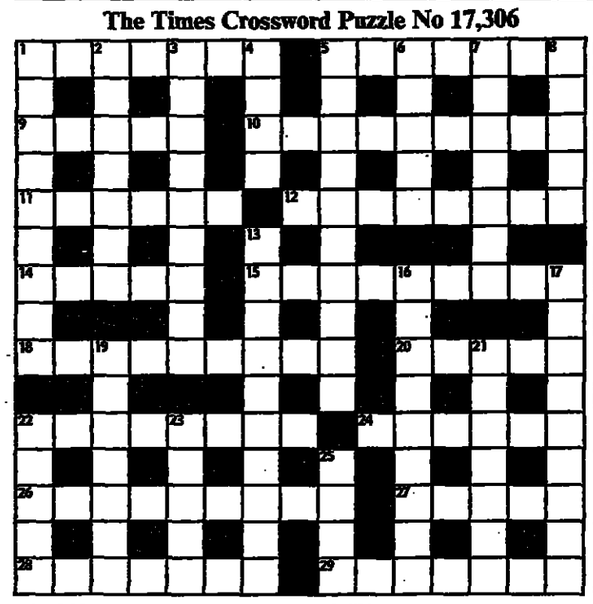
Israelis say the ball is in India's court

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — The Israeli tennis team is ready to play India on neutral territory in the Davis Cup quarter-finals if they are denied visas by the Indians, the head of the Israeli Tennis Association said yesterday.

David Harnick said in a radio interview his side were not worried about the fixture because refusal to take on Israel either at home or on neutral ground would mean India's exclusion from the competition.

The Indian government, which does not have diplomatic relations with Israel, barred the Israeli table tennis team from the world championships in Delhi in February.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,306



ACROSS

1 Cargo packer has done time, they say (7).
5 Pleiades at first, then the Plough, in the fable (7).
9 Country dishes (5).
10 He has a district to administer, he gathers (9).
11 You have to be quick to draw this (6).
12 Majestic, like the White Queen's kitten (8).
14 Bare teeth showing a sharp edge (5).
15 One of the quartets, by George! No, by Tom! (4,5).
18 Poison in the finger of an Arab (9).
20 Drinks like fish (5).
22 Sound 'iding place in Anouilh's *drama* (8).
24 Organ showing malice (6).
26 Suitable place for a 1 *dn* to sit? (9).
27 No W German city has these other points (5).
28 The sort of noise made in creches (7).
29 The shine is off if the Oval's first 50 becomes a century (7).

DOWN

1 Bird table where waders not wanted (4-5).
2 Poor Venetian's endless simplicity (7).
3 Accommodation for servants in an equal race (6).
4 Behold I Zingari, for example, in the middle of Greece! (4).
5 To rub out on this MS was perhaps simple in the past (10).
6 Pass rope through the beak once (5).
7 Recall little woman in kindergarten originally (7).
8 Join Everest leader on desolate climb (5).
13 Ugly ball he hit for six, showing profound amusement (5-5).
16 Left a large fortune, TUC is in healthy state (3,2,4).
17 Continuing noise about boy getting the cane wrongly (9).
19 Market gardener keeps a pound for the cub (7).
21 Urge to take up exercise (5-2).
22 *Barometer for schooner (5).*
23 First person to take legal action about second edition (5).
25 Flower spike, say (4).

Concise Crossword, page 9

Solution to Puzzle No 17,305



WEATHER

General situation: A deep depression will drift slowly east near northern Scotland. It will be a fairly cloudy, breezy day generally with showery outbreaks of rain, but a good deal of dry weather as well. Brighter intervals are also likely in some districts. Temperatures will be well up to normal in many areas at first, but it will turn colder in the north during the day, with some snow in the showers there later. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Cold, windy and showery with snow at times in many areas, especially in the north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	12	54	Madrid	s	12	54
Alicante	r	13	55	Majorca	s	14	57
Alex'dria	r	13	55	Malaga	f	15	59
Algiers	s	15	59	Malta			
Amst'dam	f	4	39	Mell'rne	s	33	91
Athens	f	9	48	Mexico C*	s	23	73
Bahrain	s	28	73	Miami*	f	23	73
Barbados*	s	29	84	Milan	s	8	46
Barcelna	s	12	54	Montreal*	s	1	34
Beirut				Moscow	c	0	32
Belgrade	f	1	34	Munich	c	-1	30
Berlin	c	2	36	Nairobi	c	27	81
Bermuda*	r	16	61	Naples	s	10	50
Biarritz	s	10	50	N Delhi	s	30	86
Border'x	c	9	48	N York*	f	1	34
Brussels	h	1	34	Nice	s	12	54
Budapst	s	2	36	Oslo	f	-1	30
B Aires*	s	22	72	Paris	c	4	39
Cairo	f	21	70	Peking			
Cape Tn	f	18	64	Perth	c	23	73
C'blanca	f	17	63	Prague	f	1	34
Chicago*	sn	2	36	Reykjvk	sn	0	32
Ch'church	r	14	57	Rhodes	f	1152	
Cologne	c	2	36	Rio de J	s	27	81
C'phgn	sn	-1	30	Riyadh	s	31	88
Corfu	s	9	48	Rome	c	9	48
Dublin	c	9	48	Salzburg	sn	1	34
Dubrovnik	f	6	43	S F'risco*	s	12	54
Faro	s	16	61	Santiago*	s	30	86
Florence	sh	1	34	S Paulo*	c	24	75
Frankfurt	c	2	36	Seoul	f	8	46
Funchal	c	17	63	Sing'por	f	32	90
Geneva	c	4	39	Stockhm	f	3	37
Gibraltar	f	13	55	Strasb'rg	sn	3	37
Helsinki	s	-4	25	Sydney	f	23	73
Hong K	sh	20	68	Tangier	f	15	59
Innsbruck	sn	0	32	Tel aviv	s	16	61
Istanbul	s	3	37	Tenerife	r	19	66
Jeddah	s	31	88	Tokyo	s	13	55
Jo'burg*	f	26	79	Toronto*	s	4	39
Karachi	f	28	84	Tunis	f	15	59
L Palmas	f	24	75	Valencia	s	15	59
Le Touet	f	6	43	Vanc'ver	c	9	48
Lisbon	s	15	59	Venice	f	6	43
Locarno	c	10	50	Vienna	f	3	37
L Angels*	s	14	57	Warsaw	s	3	37
Luxembg	c	1	34	Wash'ton*	c	6	43
				Wel'ton	f	16	61
				Zurich	sn	2	36

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-				
Bridlington	5.7	.01	9	48	bright
Cromer	2.7	-	8	46	bright
Lowestoft	1.4	-	8	46	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Southend	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Margate	-	-	7	45	dull
Folkestone	0.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Hastings	1.8	.01	9	48	bright
Eastbourne	1.8	-	9	48	cloudy
Brighton	1.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Worthing	1.6	-	9	48	cloudy
Littlehmptn	1.8	-	10	50	bright
Bognor R	2.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Southsea	1.6	.02	10	50	cloudy
Sandown	2.6	-	10	50	bright
Shanklin	3.1	-	10	50	bright
Bournemth	2.2	-	10	50	bright
Poole	3.0	-	10	50	cloudy
Swanage	3.7	-	10	50	bright
Weymouth	2.2	-	12	54	bright
Exmouth	3.0	-	10	50	bright
Teignmouth	2.9	-	10	50	bright
Torquay	3.7	-	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	-	-	9	48	sunny
Penzance	5.9	.01	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.0	.02	11	52	sunny
Jersey	0.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Guernsey	0.6	-	9	48	cloudy
Newquay	4.3	.03	10	50	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	8	46	sunny
Minehead	2.1	.01	8	46	bright
B'pool Airpt	2.1	-	7	45	bright
Morecambe	2.9	-	7	45	bright
Douglas	0.7	-	7	45	bright
B'hms Airpt	1.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Bristol (Cbt)	2.6	-	9	48	bright
Carlisle	4.9	-	9	48	bright
London	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Manchester	2.8	-	8	46	sunny
N'cstl-on-Tyne	4.9	-	9	48	bright
Nottingham	2.2	.01	8	46	bright
Anglesey	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Cardiff (Cbt)	1.2	.02	9	48	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	.01	8	46	dull
Tenby	2.9	.02	9	48	cloudy
Aberdeen	1.2	.07	5	41	sleet
Edinburgh	1.5	-	9	48	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.0	.02	7	45	hail
Glasgow	6.7	.01	9	48	shower
Kinloss	4.3	.06	6	43	shower
Lerwick	5.5	.13	3	37	snow
Prestwick	-	.02	9	48	shower
Stornoway	4.9	.17	6	43	sleet
Tiree	3.2	.06	8	46	shower
Wick	6.1	.19	4	39	snow
Belfast	1.0	.02	8	46	hail

These are Sunday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.53	7.2	3.15	7.3
Aberdeen	2.22	4.1	2.22	4.3
Avonmouth	8.18	13.3	8.38	13.2
Belfast	—	—	12.05	3.4
Cardiff	8.03	12.3	8.24	12.2
Devonport	6.54	5.5	7.15	5.4
Dover	—	—	noon	6.6
Falmouth	6.24	5.3	6.45	5.2
Glasgow	2.02	4.2	1.53	4.9
Harwich	12.49	3.9	1.12	3.9
Holyhead	11.22	5.7	11.42	5.5
Hull	7.27	7.4	7.34	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.04	9.2	7.24	9.2
Leith	3.35	5.4	3.49	5.6
Liverpool	12.08	9.3	12.22	9.5
Lowestoft	10.49	2.2	10.47	2.5
Margate	12.53	4.7	1.21	4.7
Milford Haven	7.19	7.1	7.37	7.0
Newquay	6.09	7.1	6.27	7.0
Oban	6.41	4.1	7.09	4.0
Penzance	5.53	5.6	6.15	5.5
Portland	7.59	2.2	8.37	2.1
Portsmouth	12.19	4.6	12.30	4.5
Shoreham	12.09	6.2	12.18	6.1
Southampton	11.59	4.5	—	—
Swansea	7.26	9.6	7.42	9.5
Tees	4.42	5.3	4.48	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	12.41	4.2	1.03	4.2

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THE POUND

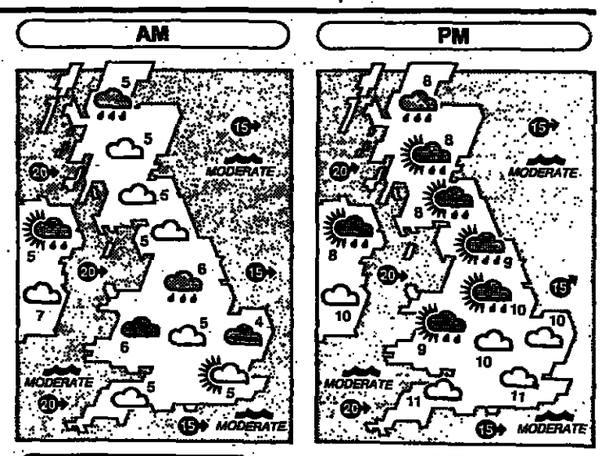
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Austria Sch	21.25	20.15
Belgium Fr	63.15	59.75
Canada $	2.15	2.05
Denmark Kr	11.36	10.76
Finland Mkk	7.55	7.05
France Fr	10.03	9.53
Germany Dm	3.03	2.87
Greece Dr	222	206
Hong Kong $	12.65	12.05
Ireland Pt	1.137	1.077
Italy Lire	2145	2035
Japan Yen	252	238
Netherlands Gld	3.41	3.23
Norway Kr	11.48	10.80
Portugal Esc	230	220
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.80
Spain Pes	210	200
Sweden Kr	10.57	10.05
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.40
USA $	1.65	1.57
Yugoslavia Dnr	1030	940

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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f 9	48	Guernsey	f 6	43
B'mingham	c 5	41	Inverness	r 3	37
Blackpool	r 5	41	Jersey	s 9	48
Bristol	c 8	46	London	c 6	43
Cardiff	c 8	46	M'chester	f 6	43
Edinburgh	r 3	37	Newcastle	r 5	41
Glasgow	r 4	39	R'ndeway	r 6	43

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Weymouth, Dorset 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick (Shetlands) 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Dalbeg, 0.25 in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 8.3 hr.

Sun rises: 6.12 am — Sun sets: 6.06 pm
Moon sets 6.48 am — Moon rises 8.48 pm
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LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.3 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sunday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021 millibars, falling.

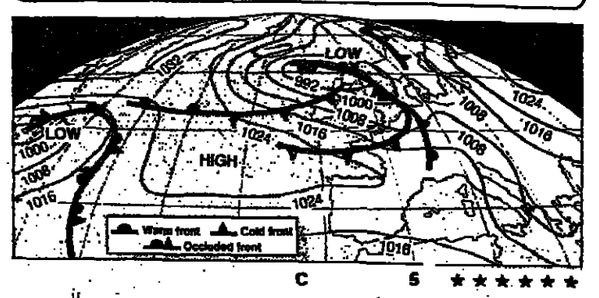
LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.38 pm to 5.39 am
Bristol 6.47 pm to 5.49 am
Edinburgh 6.49 pm to 5.52 am
Manchester 6.48 pm to 5.48 am
Penzance 6.39 pm to 6.01 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.3hr.

NOON TODAY



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